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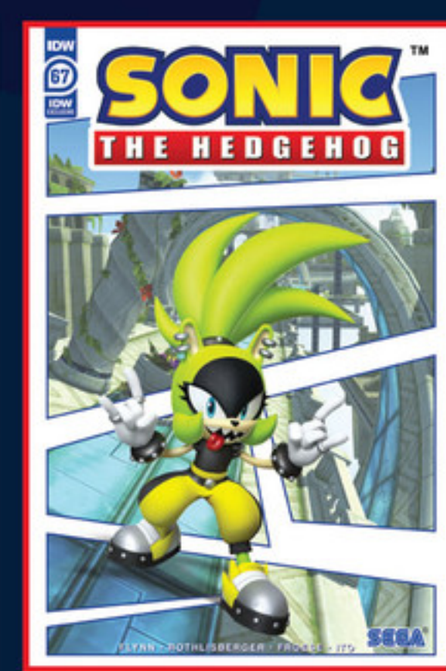

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I WAS BUILT TO END YOU! YOUR MORALS! YOUR FRIENDS! YOUR WORLD!
I'M BURNING IT ALL DOWN AND DANCING ON THE ASHES!

STORY SO FAR

PASS.
CRAKK

STARLINE. EGGMAN. YOU. YOU'RE ALL THE SAME.

HOW ABOUT WE DO SO TOGETHER?
WHAT? RIGHT NOW?
NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.

INFILTRATE THE DIAMOND CUTTERS.
YOU GET A MAN ON THE INSIDE. I GET ONE STEP CLOSER TO REVENGE.
YOU'VE GOT A DEAL.
WELCOME TO CLEAN SWEEP INC.

WELL, AS PER TONIGHT'S AGREEMENT, CLEAN SWEEP INC. WILL GIVE YOU OUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.
HERE'S TO A PROSPEROUS AND PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

AMY ROSE
Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.

SURGE THE TENREC
The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.

KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC
Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hydromancer.

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.

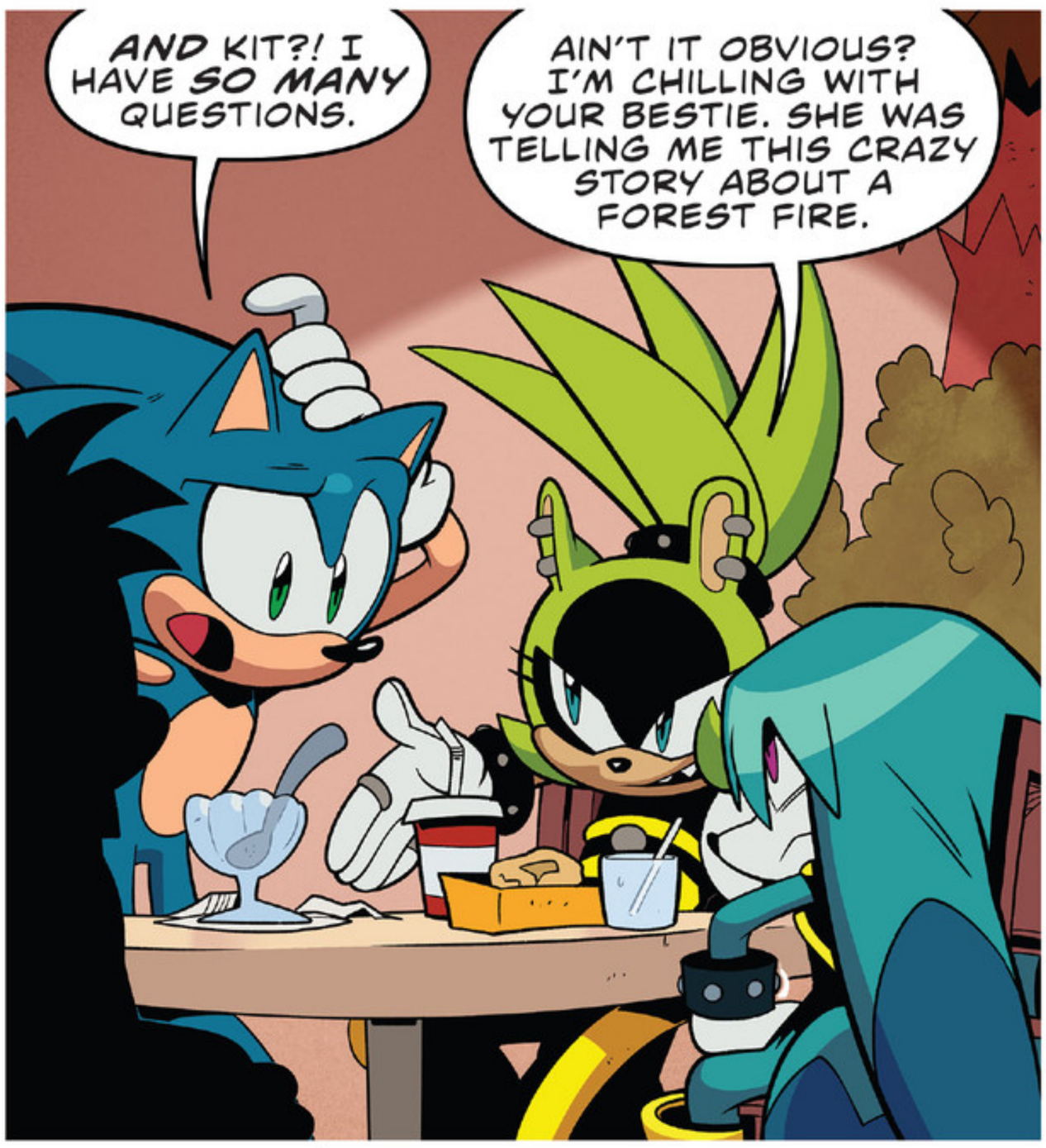
BLAZE THE CAT
Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.

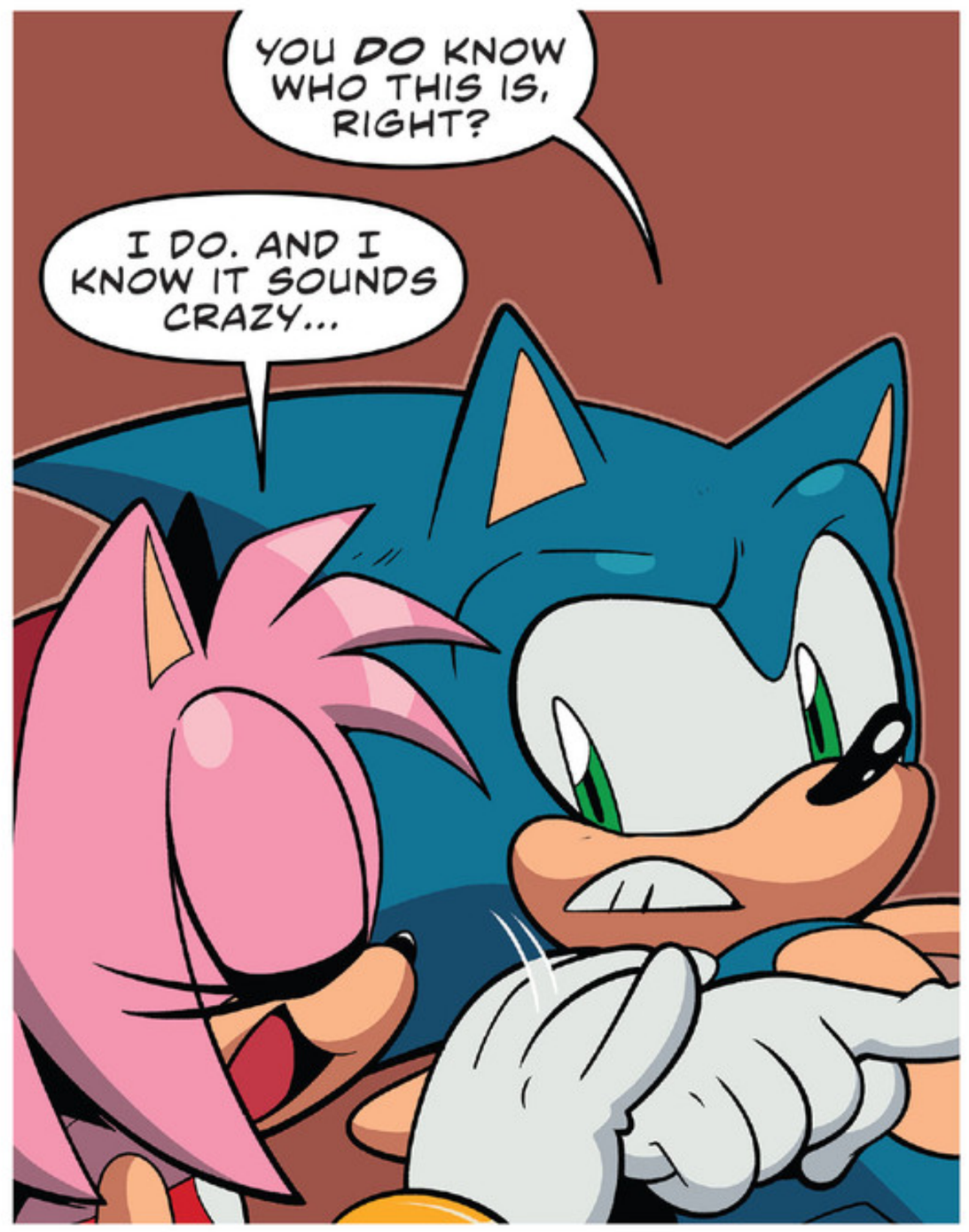
BELLE THE TINKERER
Enthusiastic new-comer.
Clumsy Marionette.

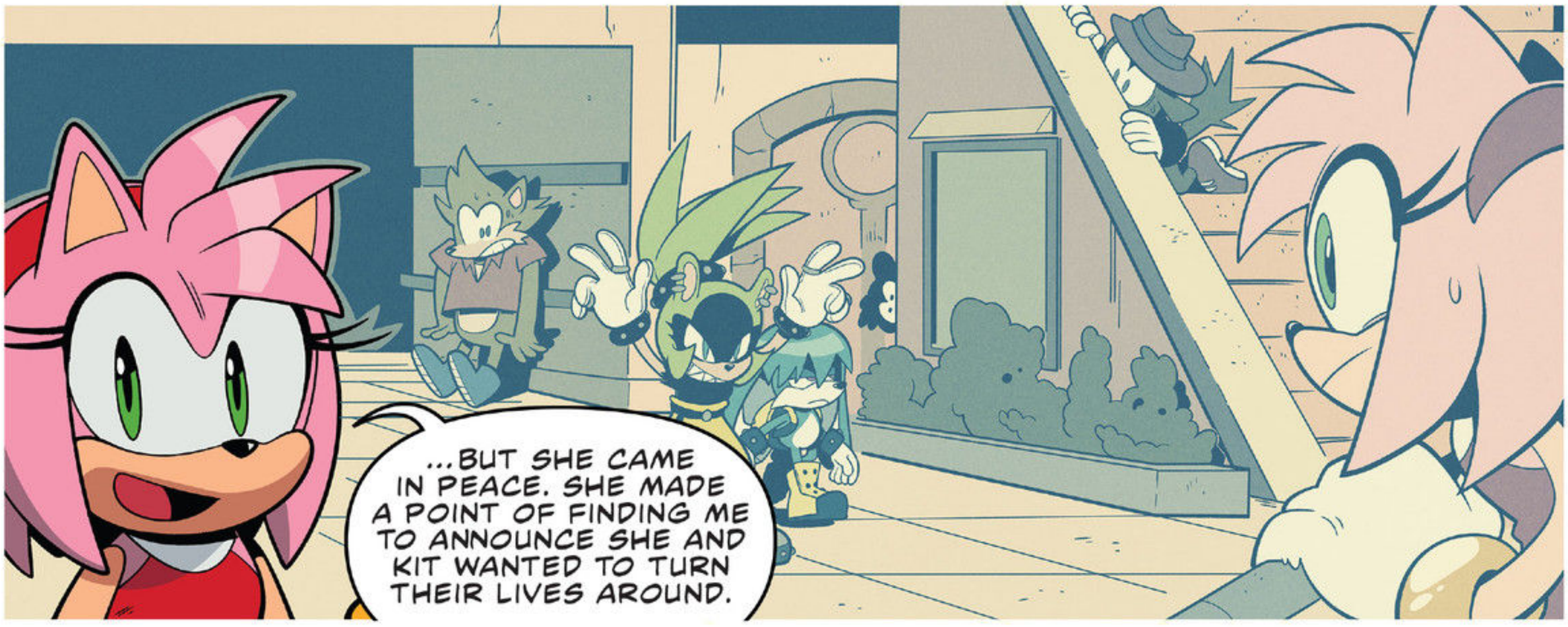
RESTORATION HQ.

AMY?!

SURGE?!

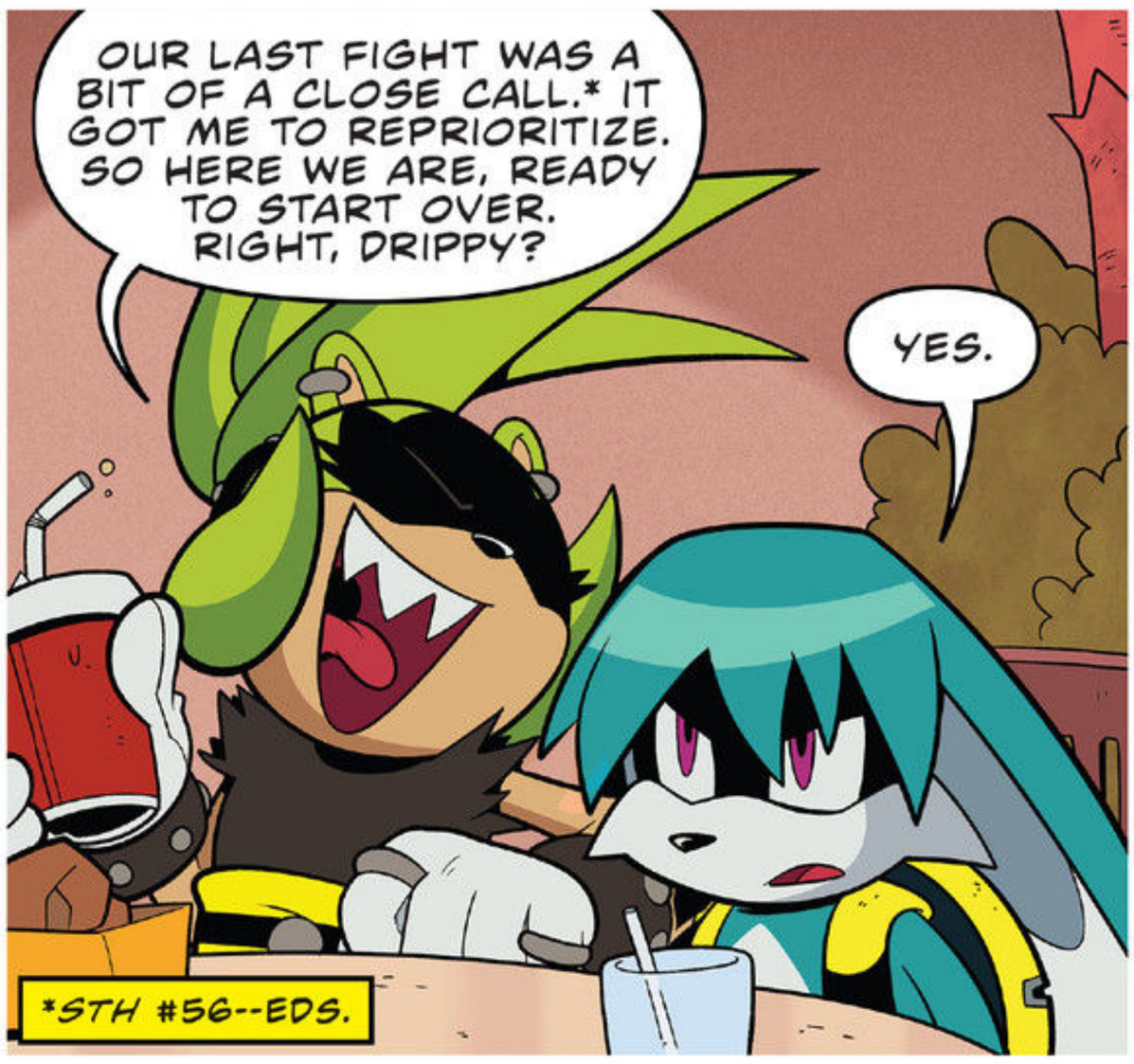





...BUT SHE CAME IN PEACE. SHE MADE A POINT OF FINDING ME TO ANNOUNCE SHE AND KIT WANTED TO TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND.

SO I'M WILLING TO CHALK THIS UP TO "A ROCKY START" AND LET US HAVE A DO-OVER, IF YOU WILL.
JUST LIKE THAT?
JUST LIKE THAT.
AFTER ALL, YOU SAID I COULD. YOU MADE IT SOUND SO SIMPLE.

FREEDOM IS RIGHT THERE, JUST WAITING FOR YOU!
JUST TAKE IT!
...I CAN'T.


OUR LAST FIGHT WAS A BIT OF A CLOSE CALL.* IT GOT ME TO REPRIORITIZE. SO HERE WE ARE, READY TO START OVER. RIGHT, DRIPPY?
YES.
*STH #56--EDS.

YEAH? JUST LIKE THAT?

STARLINE BASE SIGMA. EARLIER.

THIS IS ALL THERE'S LEFT TO EAT AROUND HERE? *REALLY?*

RATION

I--I'M SORRY! IT'S ALL I COULD FIND!

THE BASE HAS NO POWER, SO ANYTHING PERISHABLE IS ROTTING. AND THERE'S NOT MUCH TO FORAGE BEYOND THE WALLS...

I AIN'T LIVING OFF BERRIES AND ROOTS. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

YES...BUT WHERE?

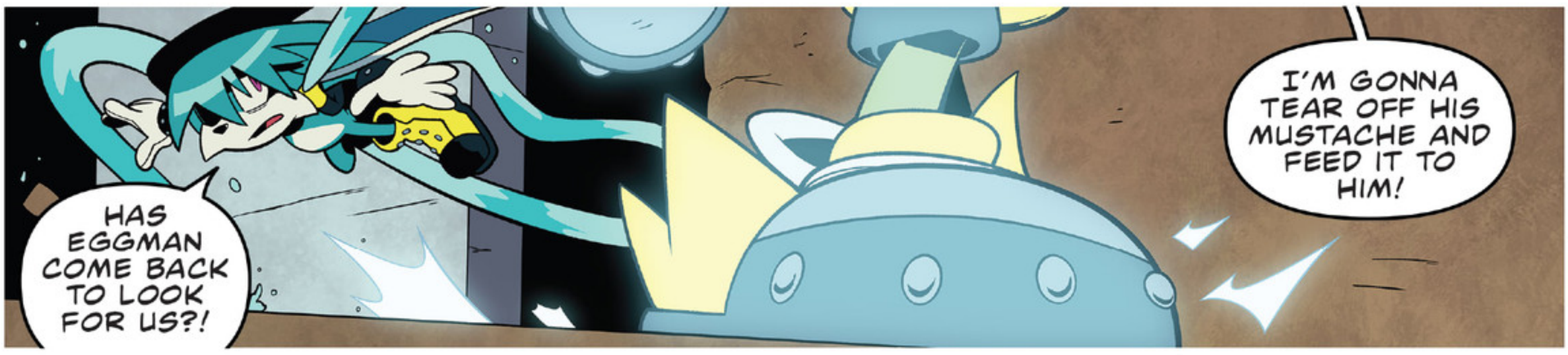
DR. EGGMAN IS AWARE OF US, SO HIS BASES WILL BE ON HIGH ALERT. WE DON'T BELONG ANYWHERE IN "POLITE SOCIETY." THIS PLACE IS FALLING APART AROUND US...

I KNOW ALL THAT!

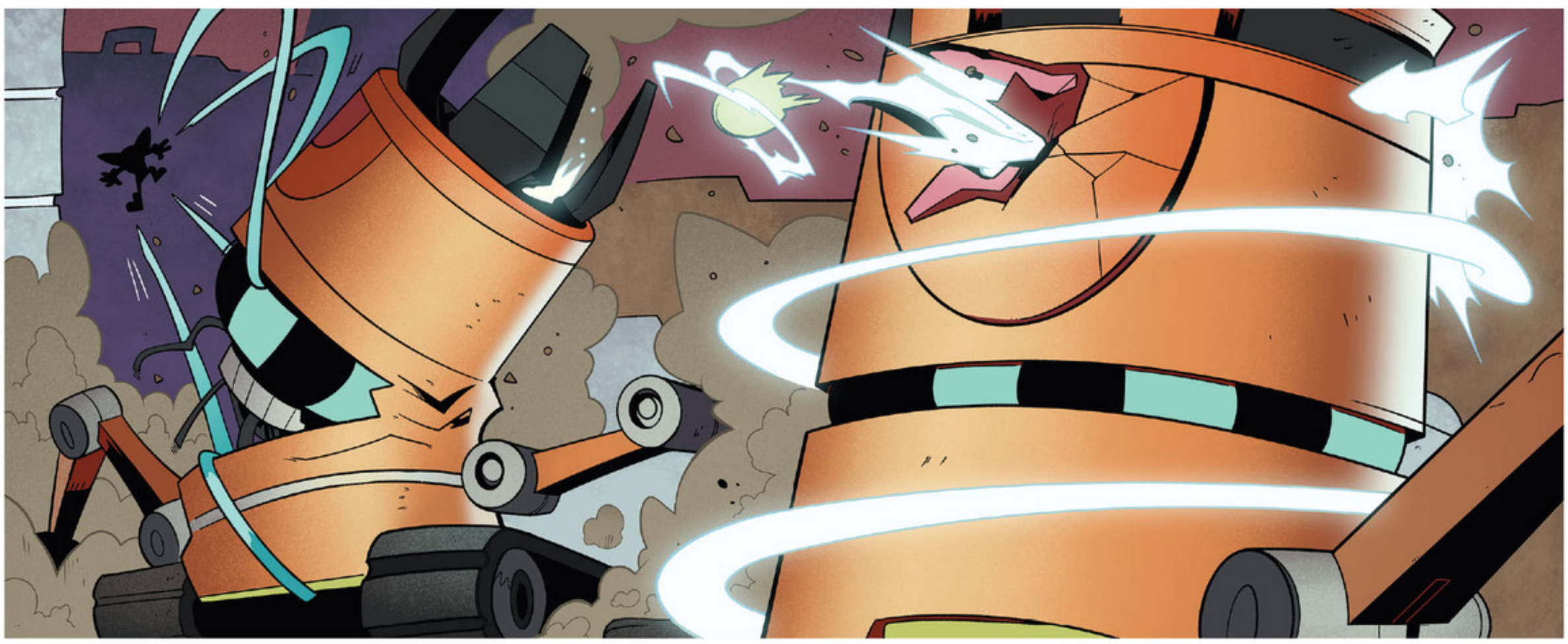
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE SMART ONE. FIGURE IT OUT.

I--I--I'M TRYING...

GRRRUMBLE


HAS EGGMAN COME BACK TO LOOK FOR US?!
I'M GONNA TEAR OFF HIS MUSTACHE AND FEED IT TO HIM!

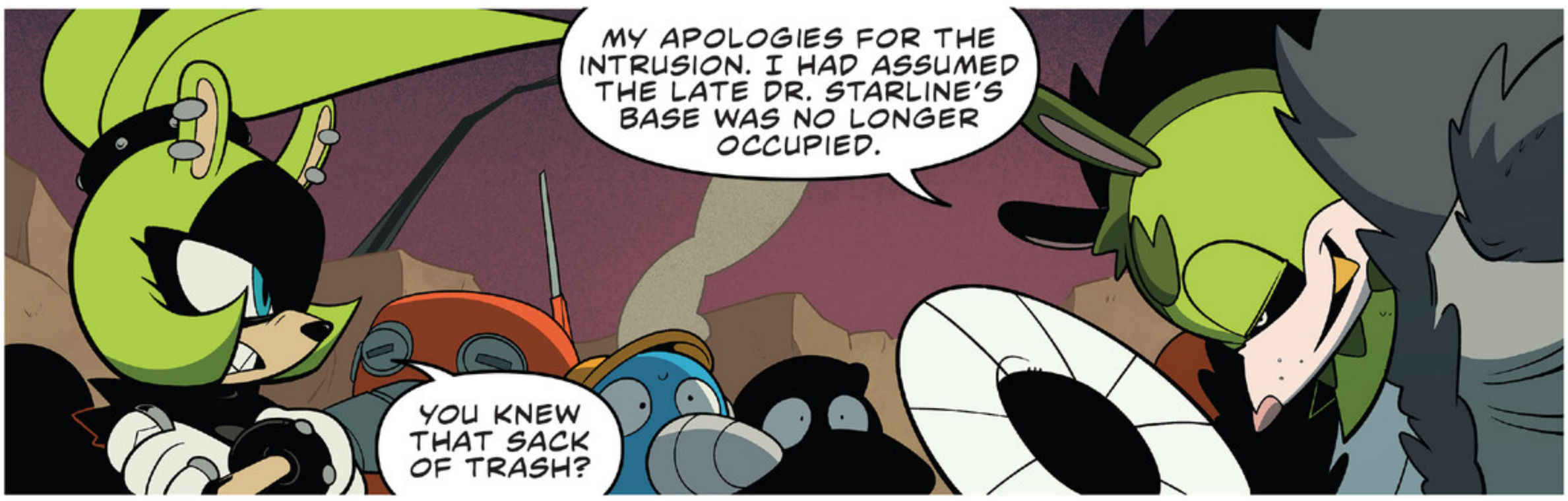
TEAR 'EM DOWN!
RIGHT!



TIME TO TOAST THE SMALL FRY!
MESSIN' WITH OUR TECH?
THEN GET READY TO SCUFFLE!
THESE BOTS ARE PROTECTED BY--
POW
WHADDAYA SAY, BOYS? SHOULD I MAKE YOUR TAILS MATCH?
NO! MERCY!
NO MERCY FOR EGGMAN GOONS.
WE DON'T WORK FOR EGGMAN NO MORE, IDIOT!
YEAH? THEN WHAT'S WITH ALL THE EGG-TECH?

IT--AND THE FOOLS YOU'VE TROUNCED--BELONG TO ME.

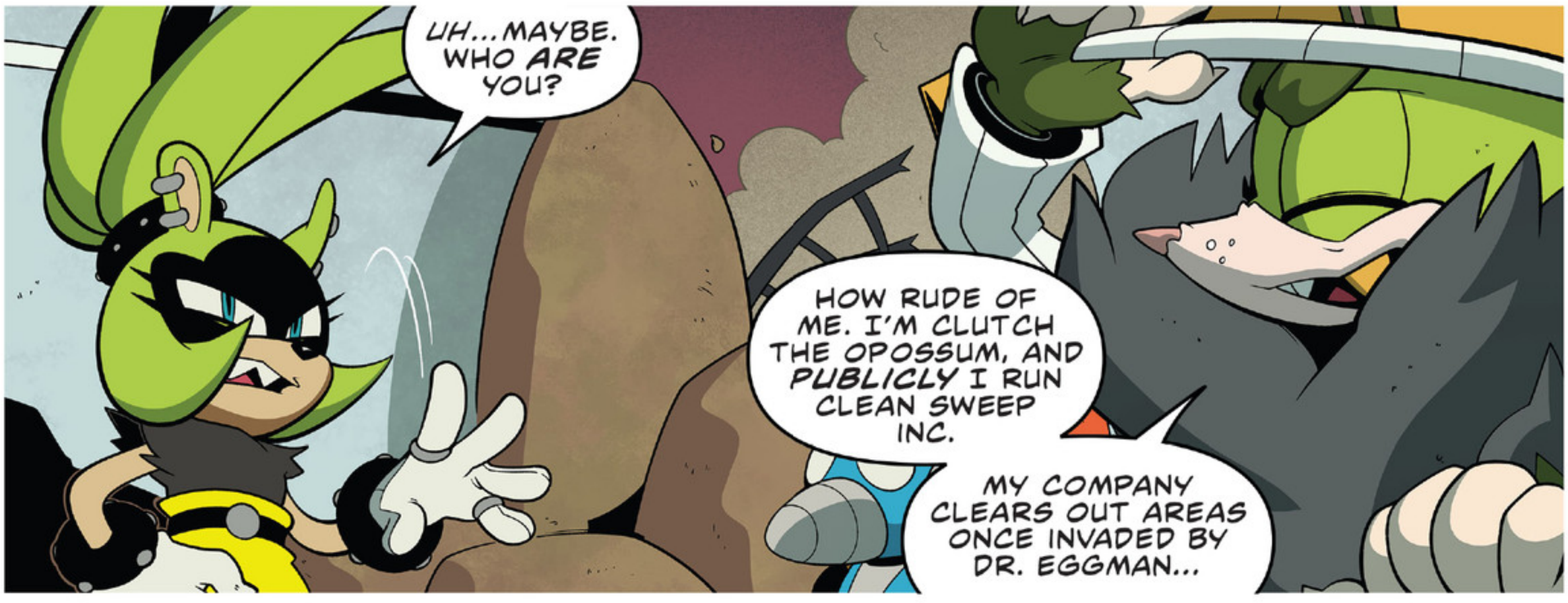
HOLD THE MOOKS.
YES, MA'AM.

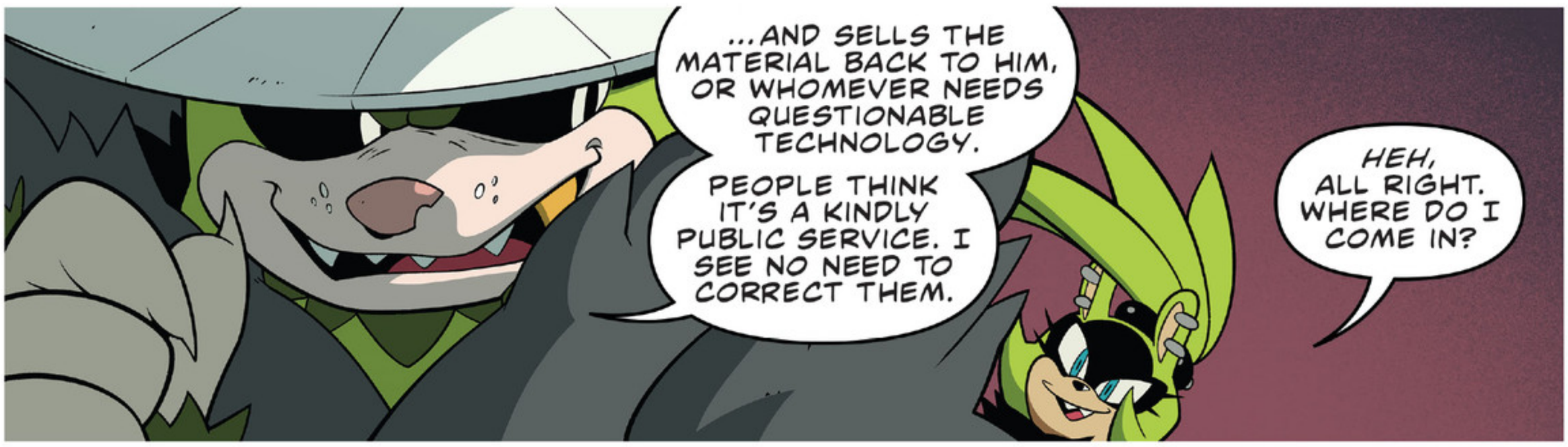

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE INTRUSION. I HAD ASSUMED THE LATE DR. STARLINE'S BASE WAS NO LONGER OCCUPIED.
YOU KNEW THAT SACK OF TRASH?

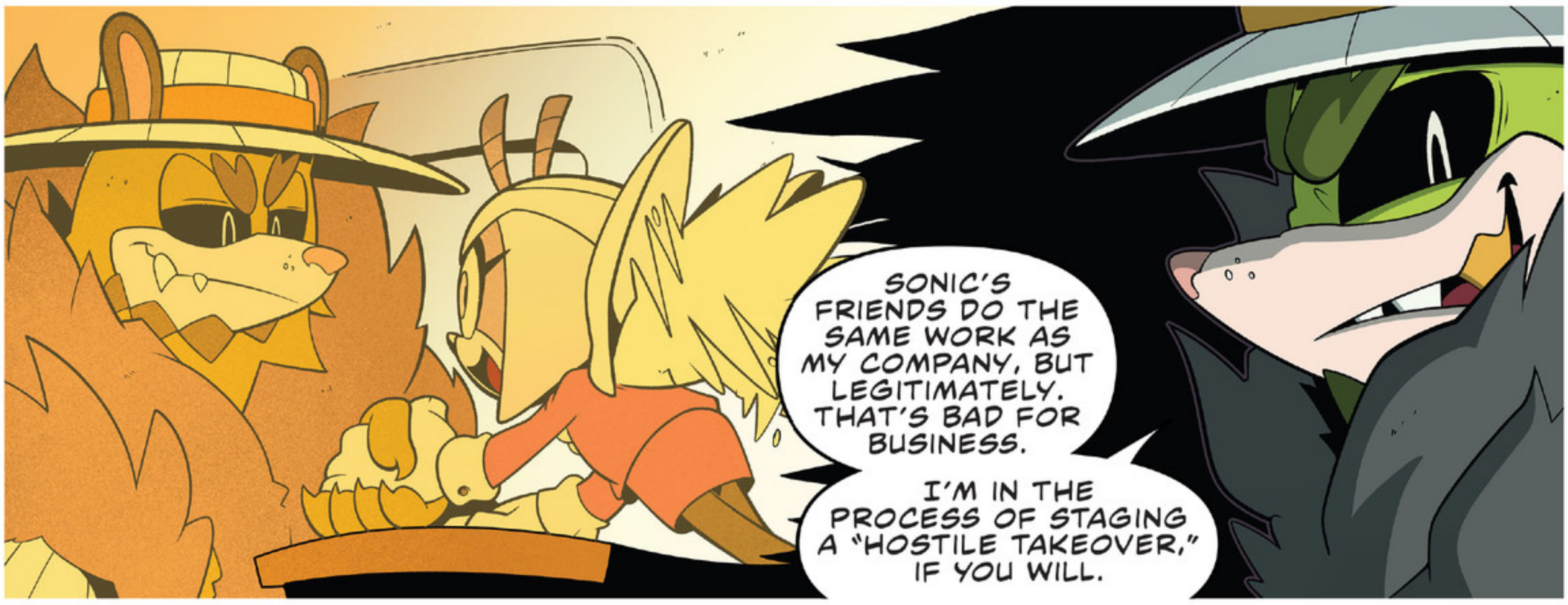
I DID INDEED. I DEAL IN ALL MANNER OF SCRAP AND ROBOTIC REFUSE.
DR. STARLINE WAS A FREQUENT CLIENT OF MINE FOR...ALL SORTS OF RESOURCES.

WAITAMINUTE... YOU MEAN?
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, MS. SURGE. I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE. I KNOW A GREAT MANY THINGS.

SUCH AS YOU DON'T MIND GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY. AND THAT YOU HAVE NO LOVE FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG OR HIS FRIENDS.
PERHAPS WE CAN DO BUSINESS, MM?


UH... MAYBE. WHO ARE YOU?
HOW RUDE OF ME. I'M CLUTCH THE OPOSSUM, AND PUBLICLY I RUN CLEAN SWEEP INC.
MY COMPANY CLEARS OUT AREAS ONCE INVADED BY DR. EGGMAN...


...AND SELLS THE MATERIAL BACK TO HIM, OR WHOMEVER NEEDS QUESTIONABLE TECHNOLOGY.
PEOPLE THINK IT'S A KINDLY PUBLIC SERVICE. I SEE NO NEED TO CORRECT THEM.
HEH, ALL RIGHT. WHERE DO I COME IN?


SONIC'S FRIENDS DO THE SAME WORK AS MY COMPANY, BUT LEGITIMATELY. THAT'S BAD FOR BUSINESS.
I'M IN THE PROCESS OF STAGING A "HOSTILE TAKEOVER," IF YOU WILL.

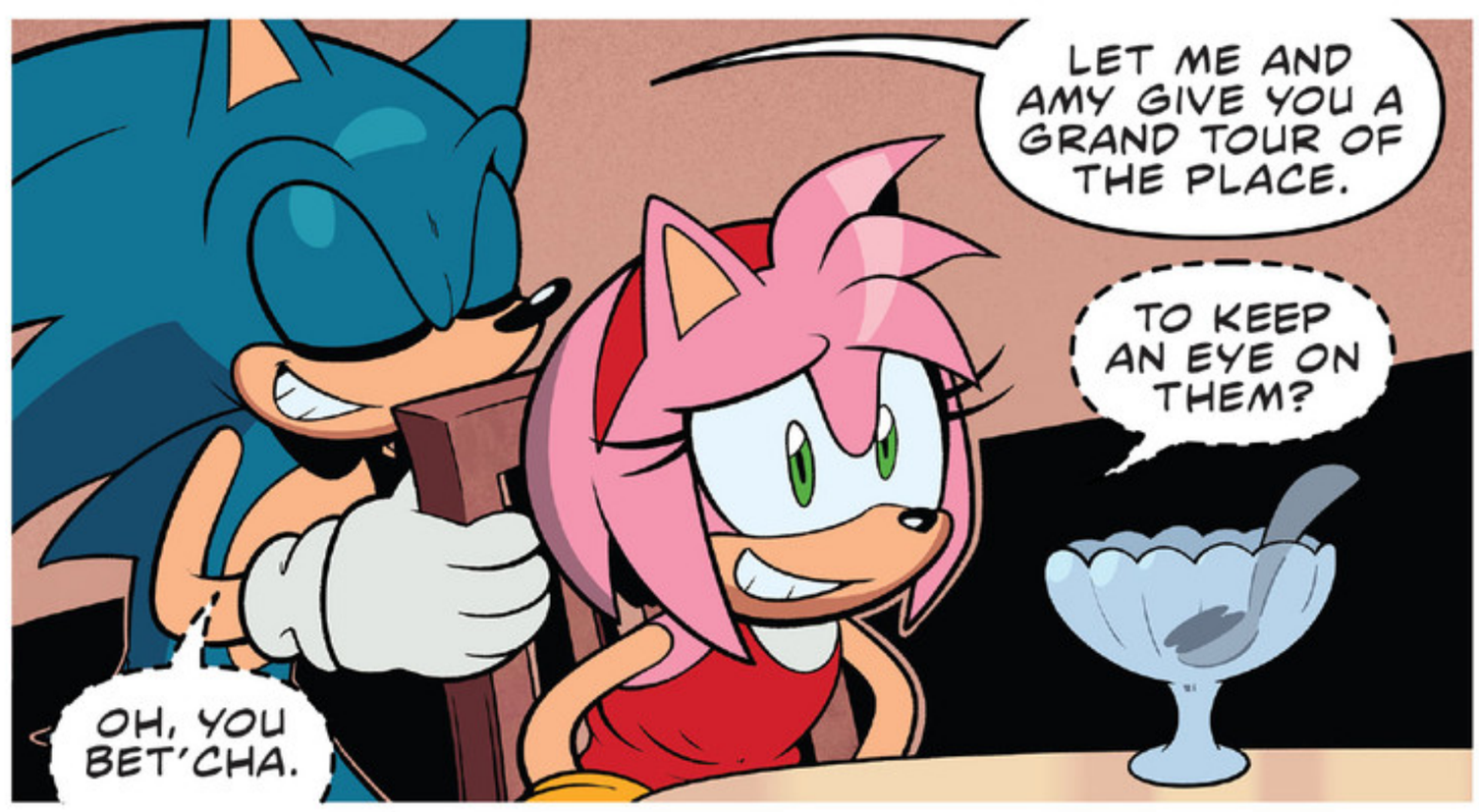
HELP ME FURTHER MY PLANS TO STEAL THE RESTORATION, AND IN RETURN, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT YOU AND YOUR YOUNG COMPANION.

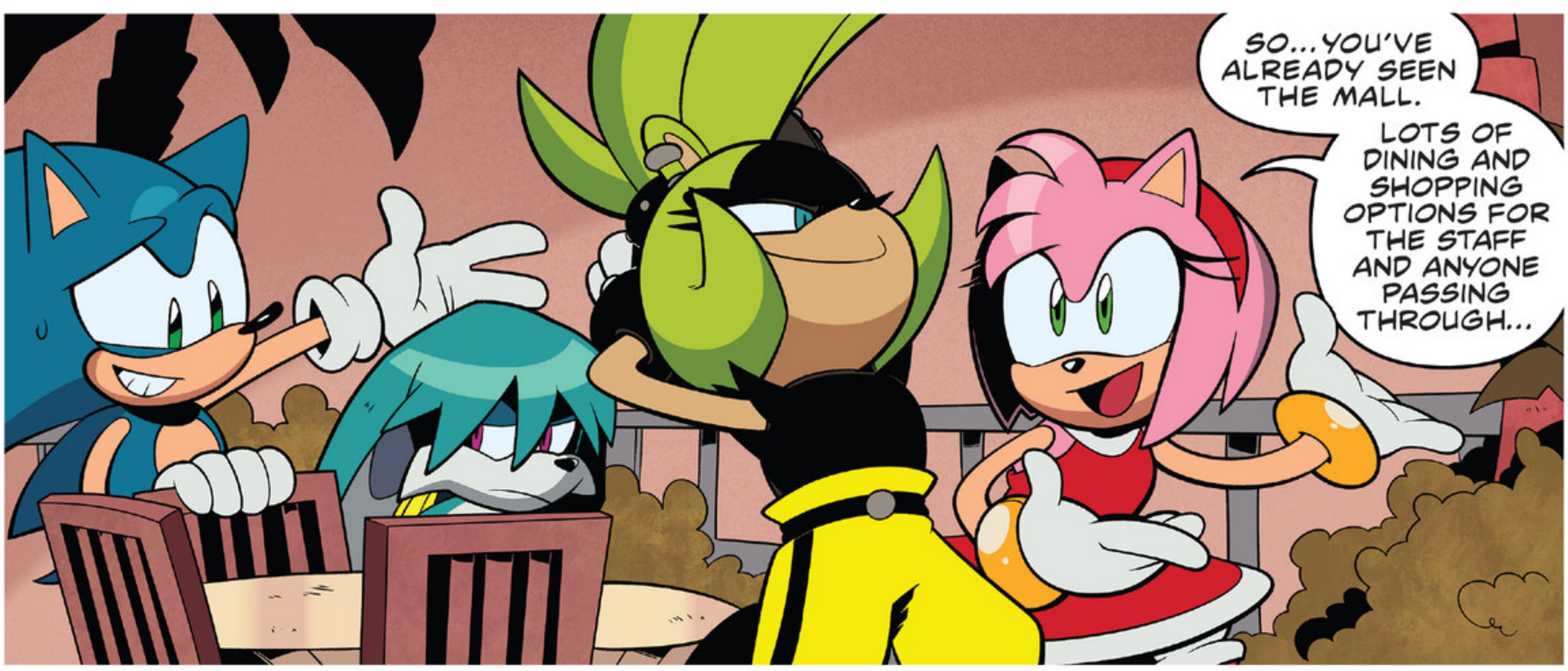
YOU GOT A DEAL, OLD MAN.
B-BUT HOW WILL WE EVEN GET NEAR THEIR HEADQUARTERS? WE'RE THEIR ENEMIES!
OH, I KNOW JUST HOW TO GET IN THE FRONT DOOR!

YEAH? JUST LIKE THAT?

YEAH. JUST LIKE THAT.

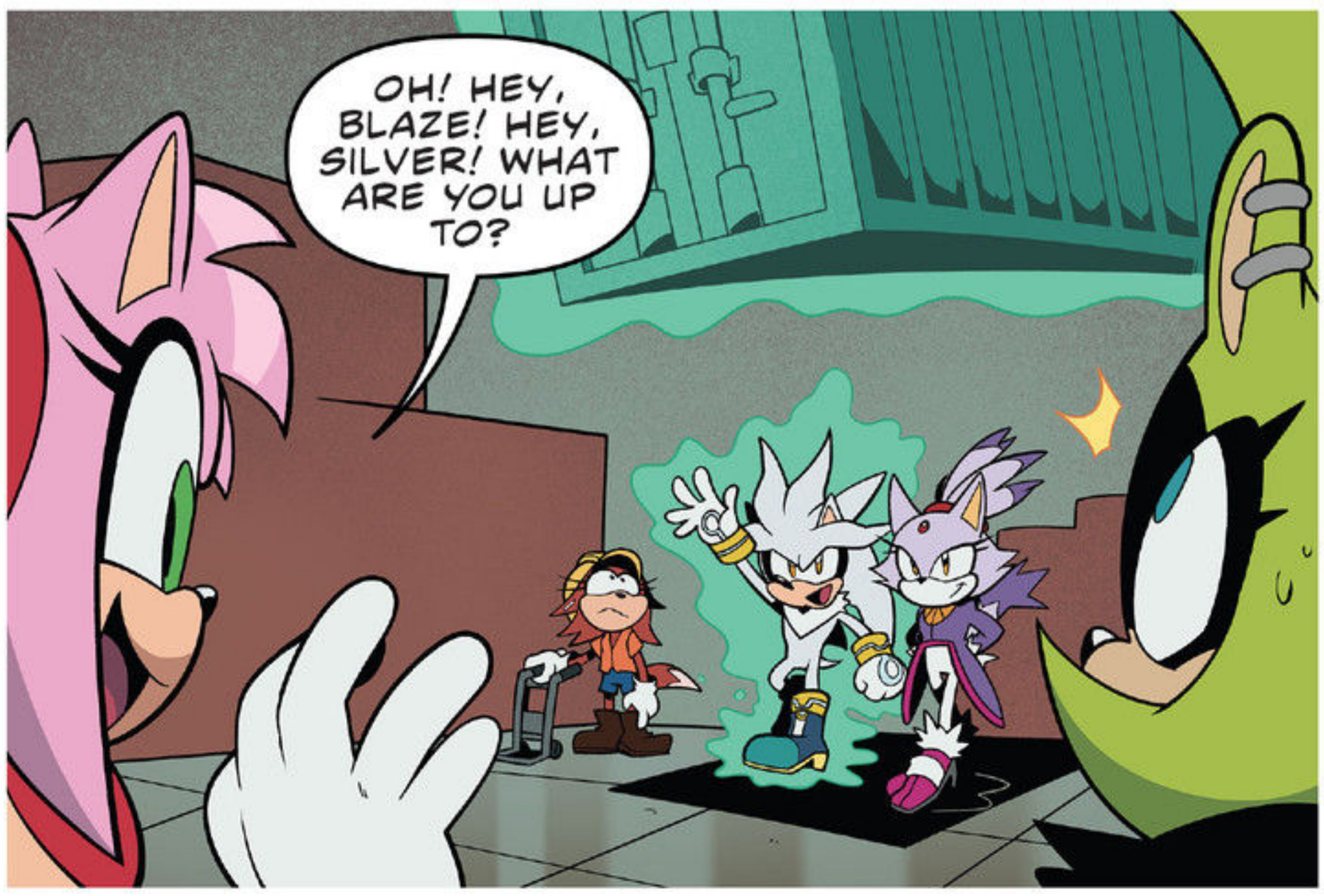
COOL! GLAD YOU CAME AROUND!


LET ME AND AMY GIVE YOU A GRAND TOUR OF THE PLACE.
TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM?
OH, YOU BET'CHA.


SO... YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN THE MALL.
LOTS OF DINING AND SHOPPING OPTIONS FOR THE STAFF AND ANYONE PASSING THROUGH...

...WHICH IS ALL SUPPLIED BY THIS DEPOT.

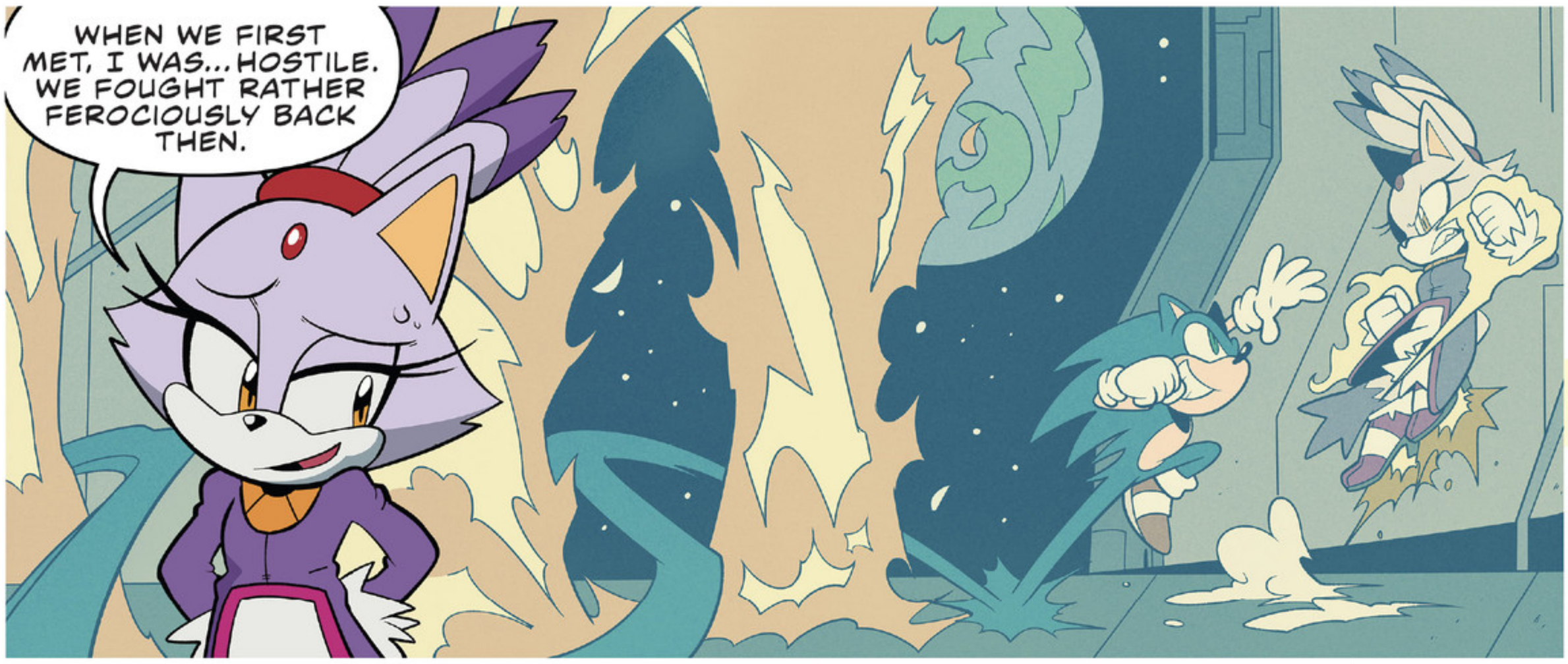
YOU GUYS NEED ALL THIS?
NOPE! THIS IS ALSO WHERE THEY ORGANIZE SUPPLIES FOR ANYONE IN THE WORLD!

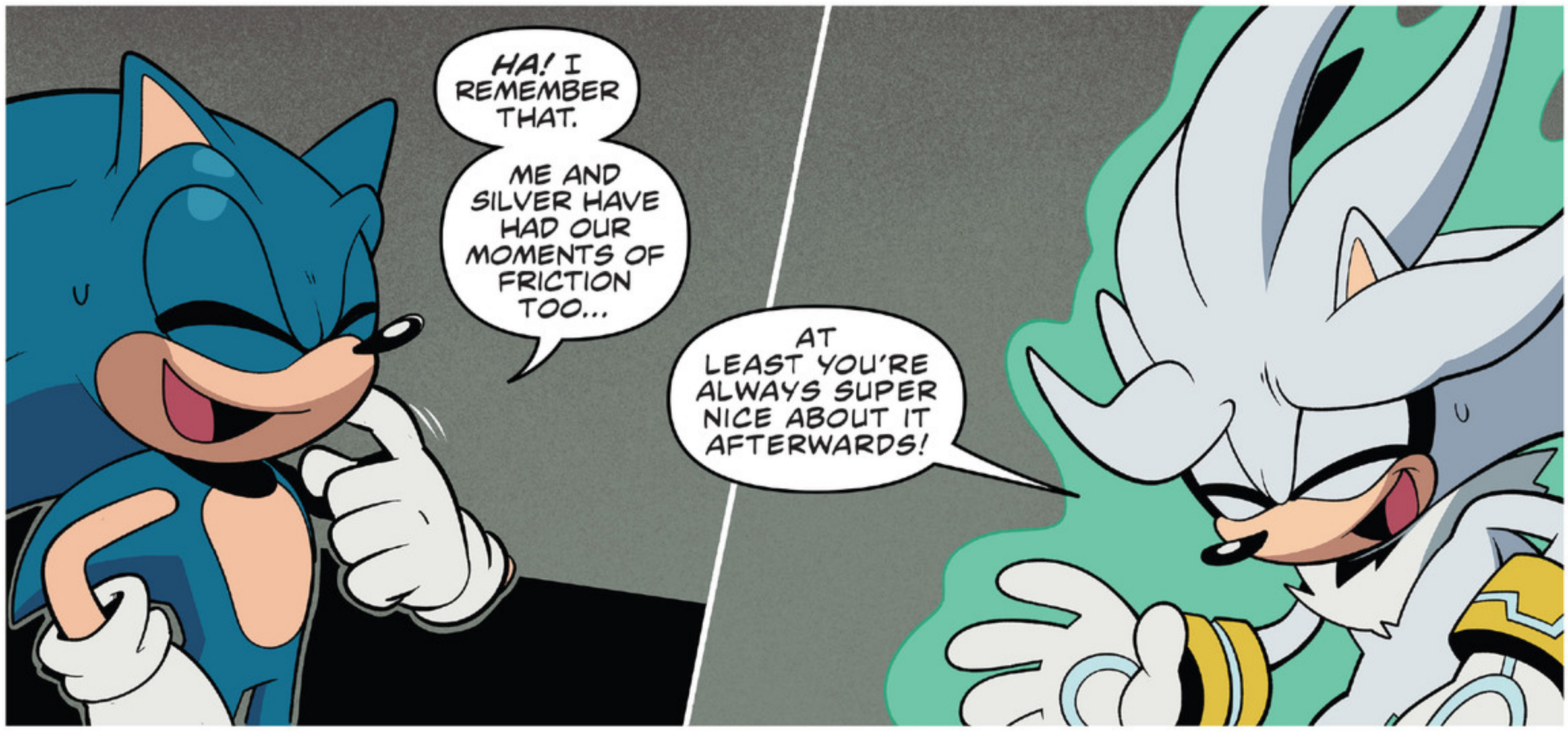

OH! HEY, BLAZE! HEY, SILVER! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

WHILE TOURING THE WORLD, I LEARNED MAZURI WAS SUFFERING FROM POOR CROPS THIS SEASON.
JEWEL HELPED PUT TOGETHER AN AID SHIPMENT, AND WE'RE GOING TO BRING IT OVER THERE.
WHO IS YOUR NEW FRIEND?

THIS IS SURGE.
SHE TRIED TO DESTROY ME A COUPLE OF TIMES!

HONESTLY, SONIC. YOU NEED TO STOP MAKING FRIENDS LIKE THAT.
WAIT... HE SERIOUSLY MAKES A HABIT OF THIS?


WHEN WE FIRST MET, I WAS... HOSTILE. WE FOUGHT RATHER FEROCIOUSLY BACK THEN.


HA! I REMEMBER THAT.
ME AND SILVER HAVE HAD OUR MOMENTS OF FRICTION TOO...
AT LEAST YOU'RE ALWAYS SUPER NICE ABOUT IT AFTERWARDS!

I'VE GOT STORIES ABOUT HIM THROWING DOWN WITH KNUCKLES AND SHADOW FOR DAYS...

HAVE ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS NOT TRIED TO WASTE YOU?
LOOK, ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW ME, I'M VERY LIKABLE.

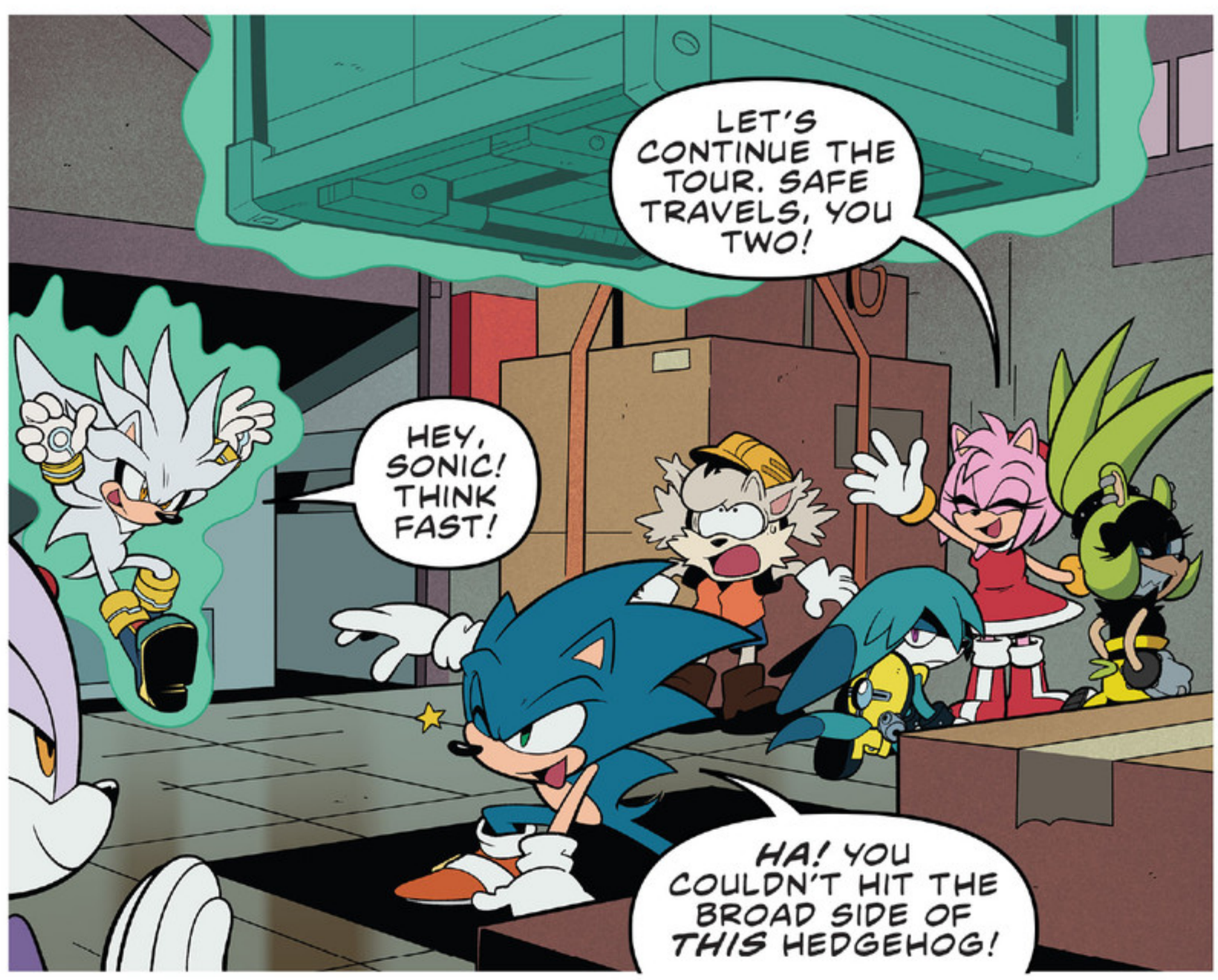
SO SINCE I FOUGHT HIM, DOES THAT MEAN I'M AN HONORARY RESTORATION MOOK LIKE YOU TWO?
WE ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE MOVEMENT.
WE JUST LIKE TO HELP OUT!

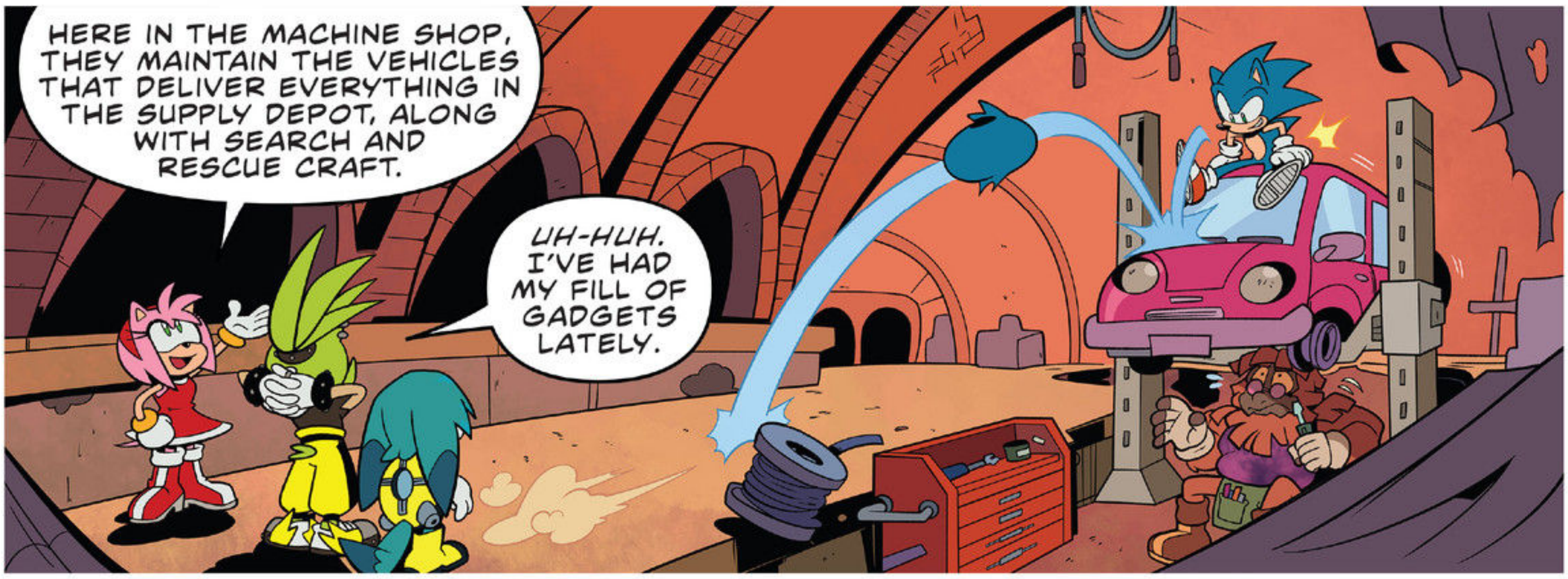
THE RESTORATION IS A VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT. EVERYONE IS FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY PLEASE.
IF THIS PLACE DOESN'T SUIT YOU, YOU'RE WELCOME TO LEAVE ANYTIME.

TRYING TO GET RID OF ME ALREADY?

I'M MAKING IT CLEAR IT'S YOUR CHOICE.
NO ONE WILL FORCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO HERE.

YOU REALLY MEAN THAT...

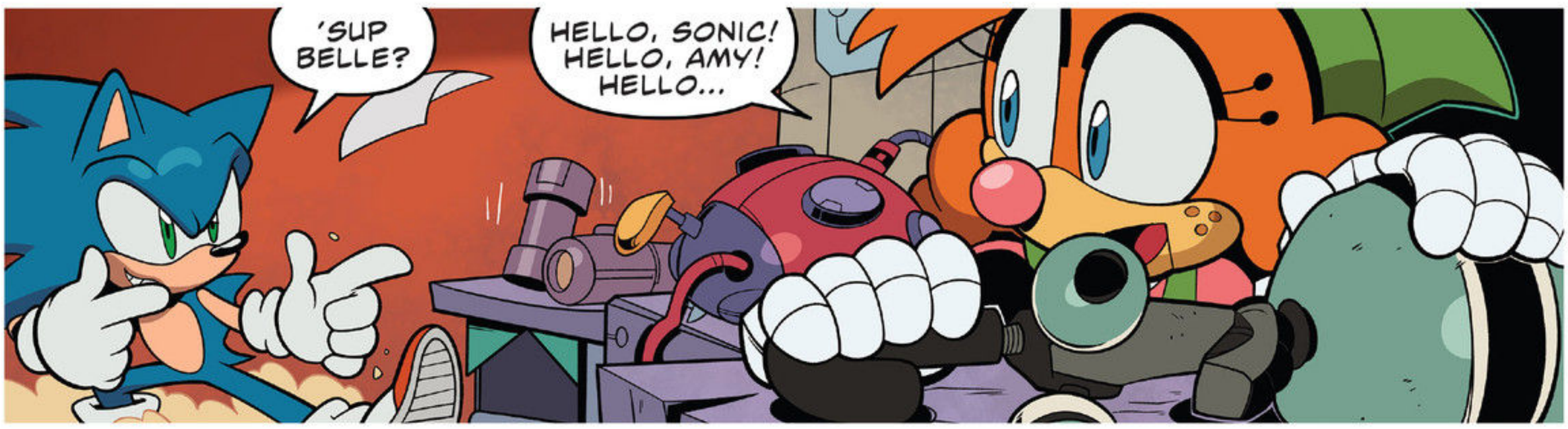

LET'S CONTINUE THE TOUR. SAFE TRAVELS, YOU TWO!
HEY, SONIC! THINK FAST!
HA! YOU COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF THIS HEDGEHOG!


HERE IN THE MACHINE SHOP, THEY MAINTAIN THE VEHICLES THAT DELIVER EVERYTHING IN THE SUPPLY DEPOT, ALONG WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE CRAFT.
UH-HUH. I'VE HAD MY FILL OF GADGETS LATELY.

BESIDES, TECH IS MORE KIT'S THING.
Y'HEAR THAT, DRIPPY? YOU CAN HANG OUT HERE AND SHOW TAILS HOW IT'S DONE!
HA HA HA!

AH! ANOTHER YOUNG, ASPIRING GEARHEAD? YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE, KIDDO.

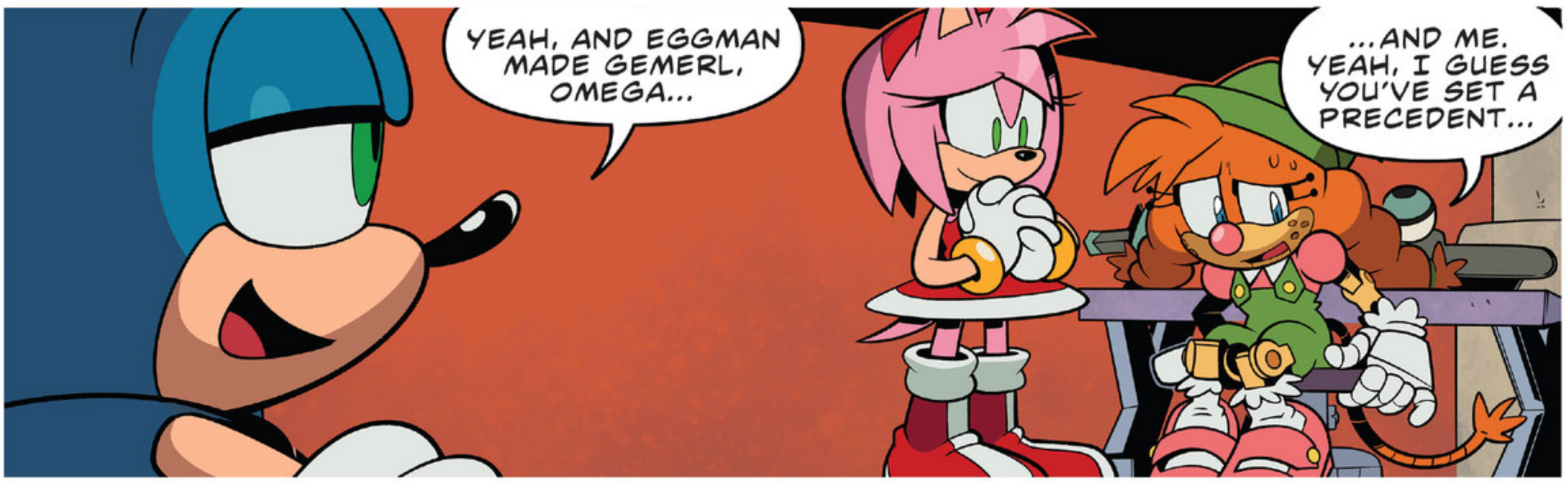
UH...SEE YOU AROUND?


'SUP BELLE?
HELLO, SONIC! HELLO, AMY! HELLO...

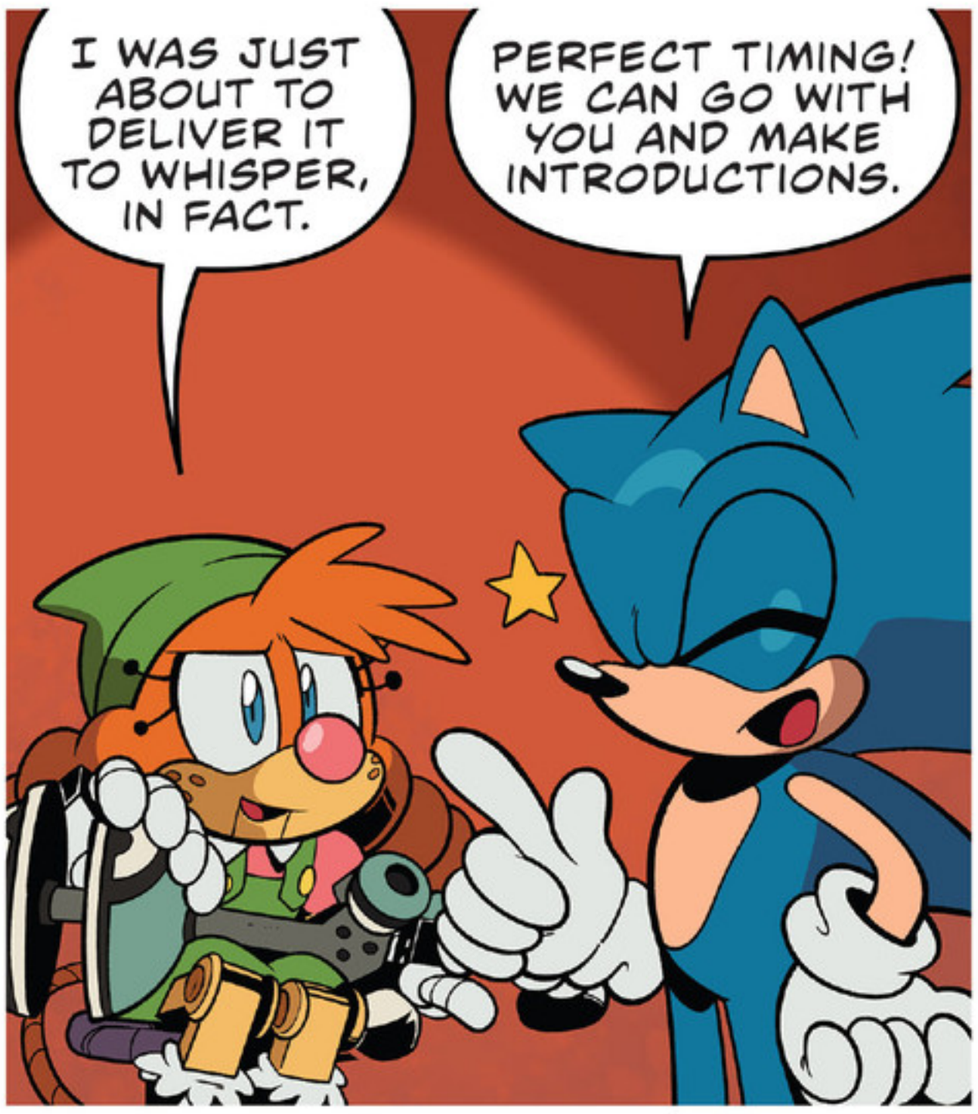
AW, SAWDUST! WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?!

WE'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OF THAT HERE.
GOOD.

SURGE AND KIT ARE HERE TO START OVER.
ARE YOU SURE? DR. STARLINE MADE THEM!

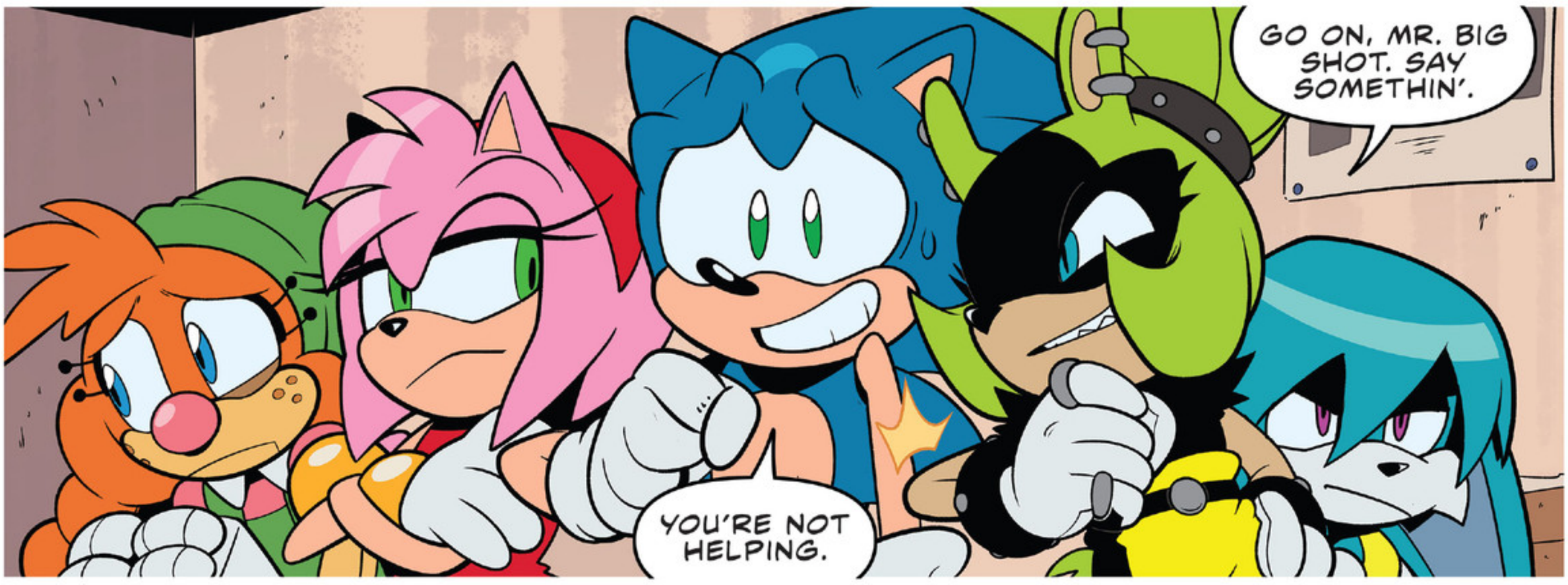

YEAH, AND EGGMAN MADE GEMERL, OMEGA...
...AND ME. YEAH, I GUESS YOU'VE SET A PRECEDENT...

HEY! I THOUGHT I SMASHED THAT GIZMO?
YOU DID! I REBUILT IT AND HAVE BEEN FINE-TUNING IT EVER SINCE!

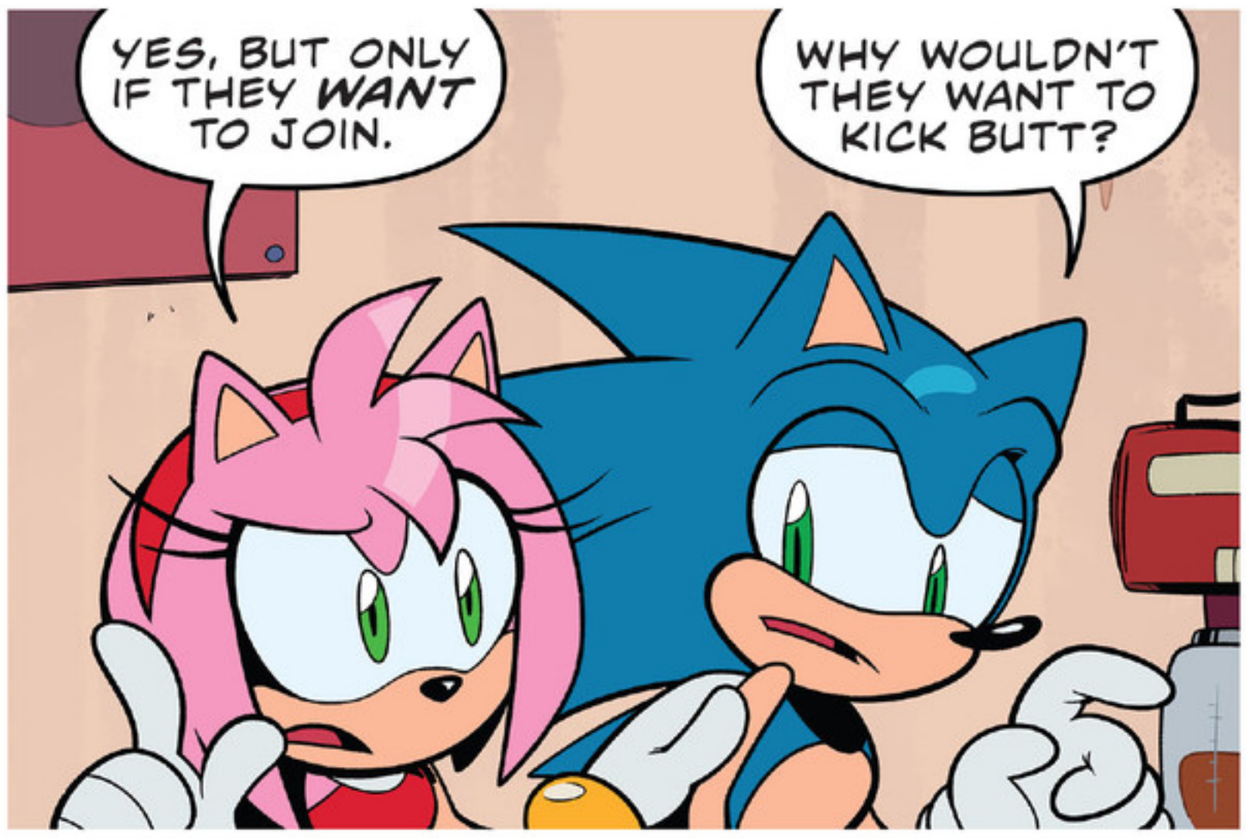

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO DELIVER IT TO WHISPER, IN FACT.
PERFECT TIMING! WE CAN GO WITH YOU AND MAKE INTRODUCTIONS.

HOLD ON! MAYBE WE SHOULD EASE INTO THAT ONE?
Y'KNOW, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES?

NAH! WHY QUESTION SONIC'S JUDGMENT? I'M SURE IT'LL GO F/////////INE!


GO ON, MR. BIG SHOT. SAY SOMETHIN'.
YOU'RE NOT HELPING.

LOOK, I KNOW THERE'S SOME BAD BLOOD HERE, AND FOR GOOD REASON.
BUT IF WE CAN GIVE THEM A CHANCE, THEY'D BE AWESOME IN THE DIAMOND CUTTERS.


YES, BUT ONLY IF THEY *WANT* TO JOIN.
WHY WOULDN'T THEY WANT TO KICK BUTT?

YO. "*THEY*" ARE IN THE ROOM. "*THEY*" HAVE THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS OF THEIR OWN.

SORRY.

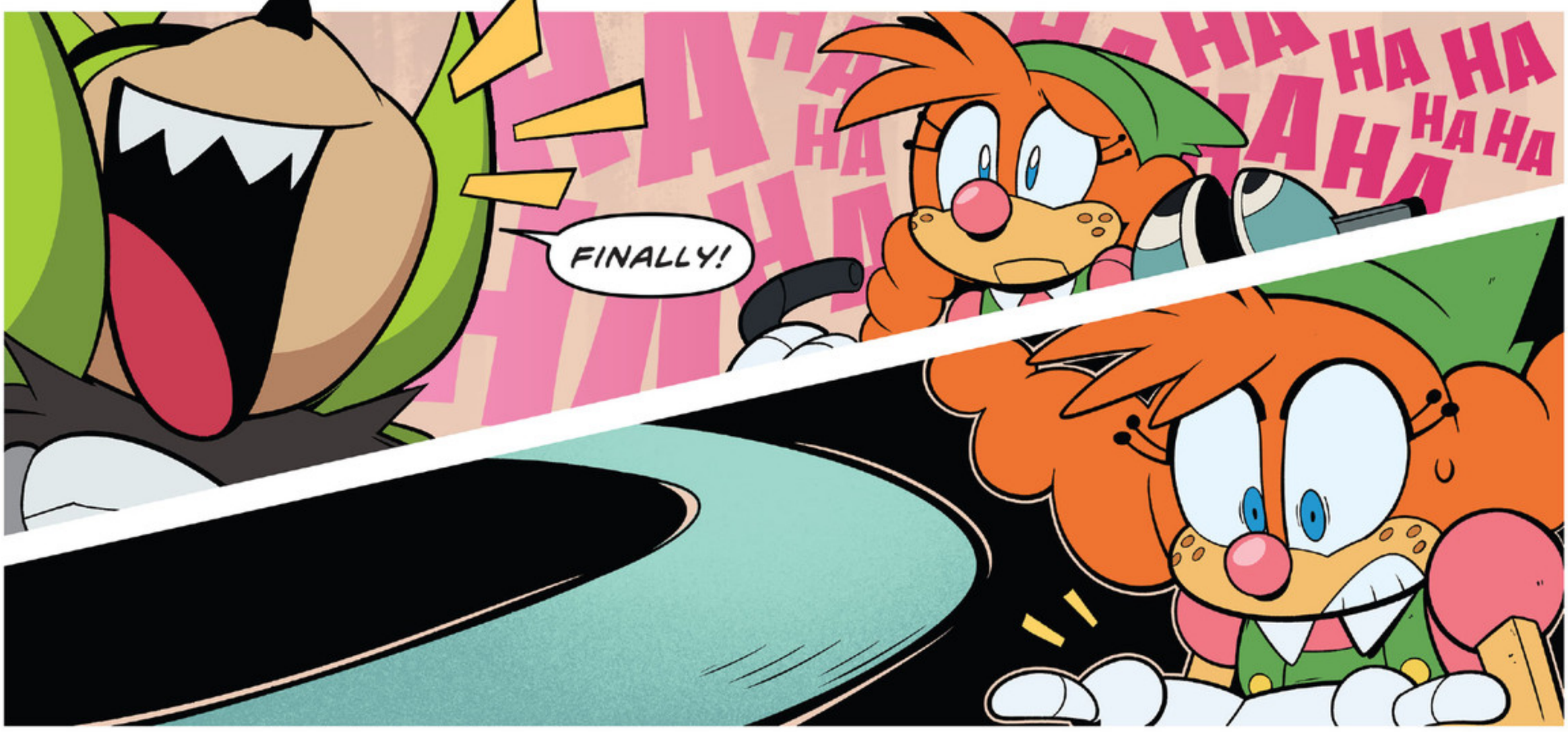
I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA! THE TEAM GAVE ME A CHANCE, AND I'M NOBODY.
HAVING SOMEONE ON PAR WITH SONIC AND TAILS WOULD BE A HUGE HELP!

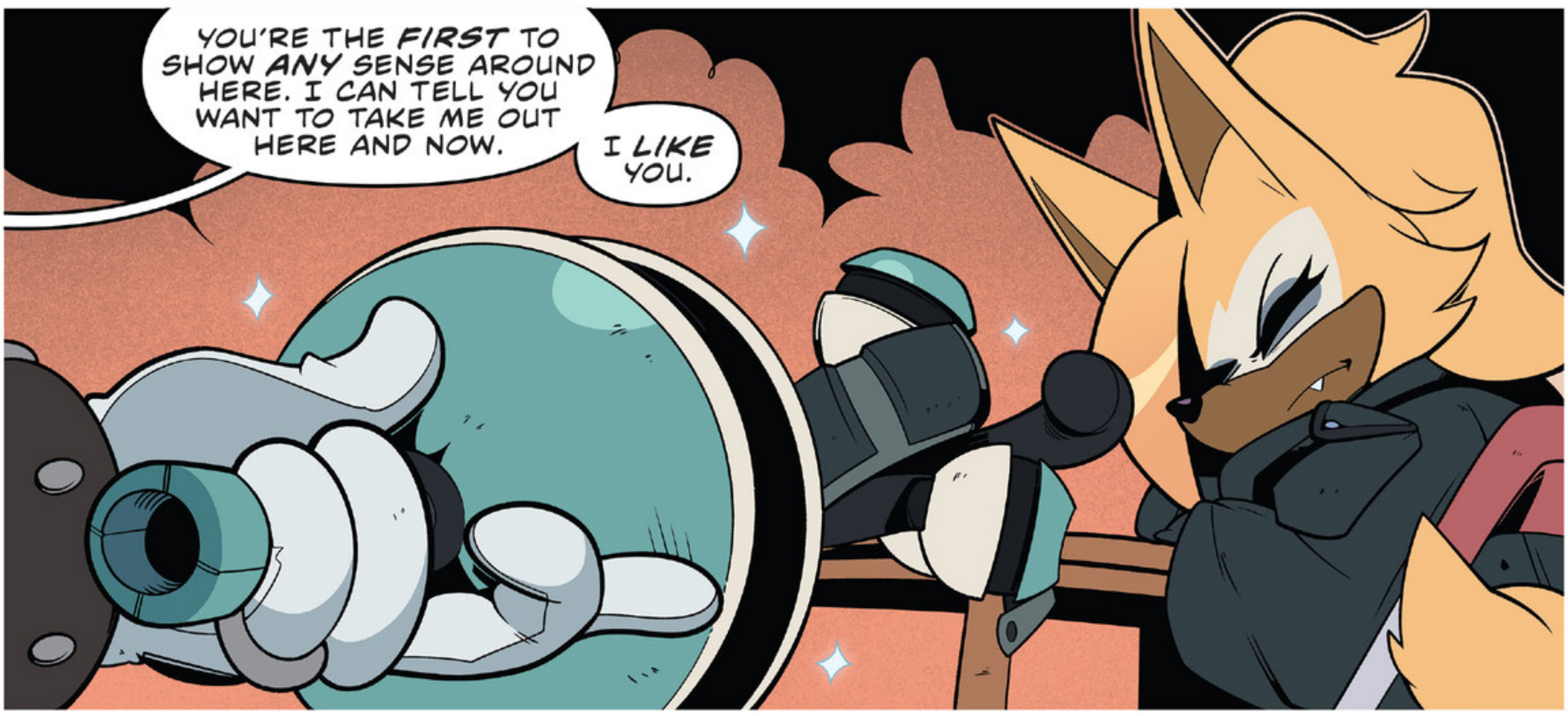
I HAVE MY CONCERNS, BUT IF THEY'RE COMING ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF FORMER COMMANDER ROSE, I WON'T OBJECT.
LANOLIN... WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS...

I BELIEVE IN SONIC AND HIS IDEALS. I'M WILLING TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

NO.

C'MON, WHISPER...
NO. YOU CAN CHOOSE TO TRUST HER. I DON'T. I WON'T.


HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
FINALLY!

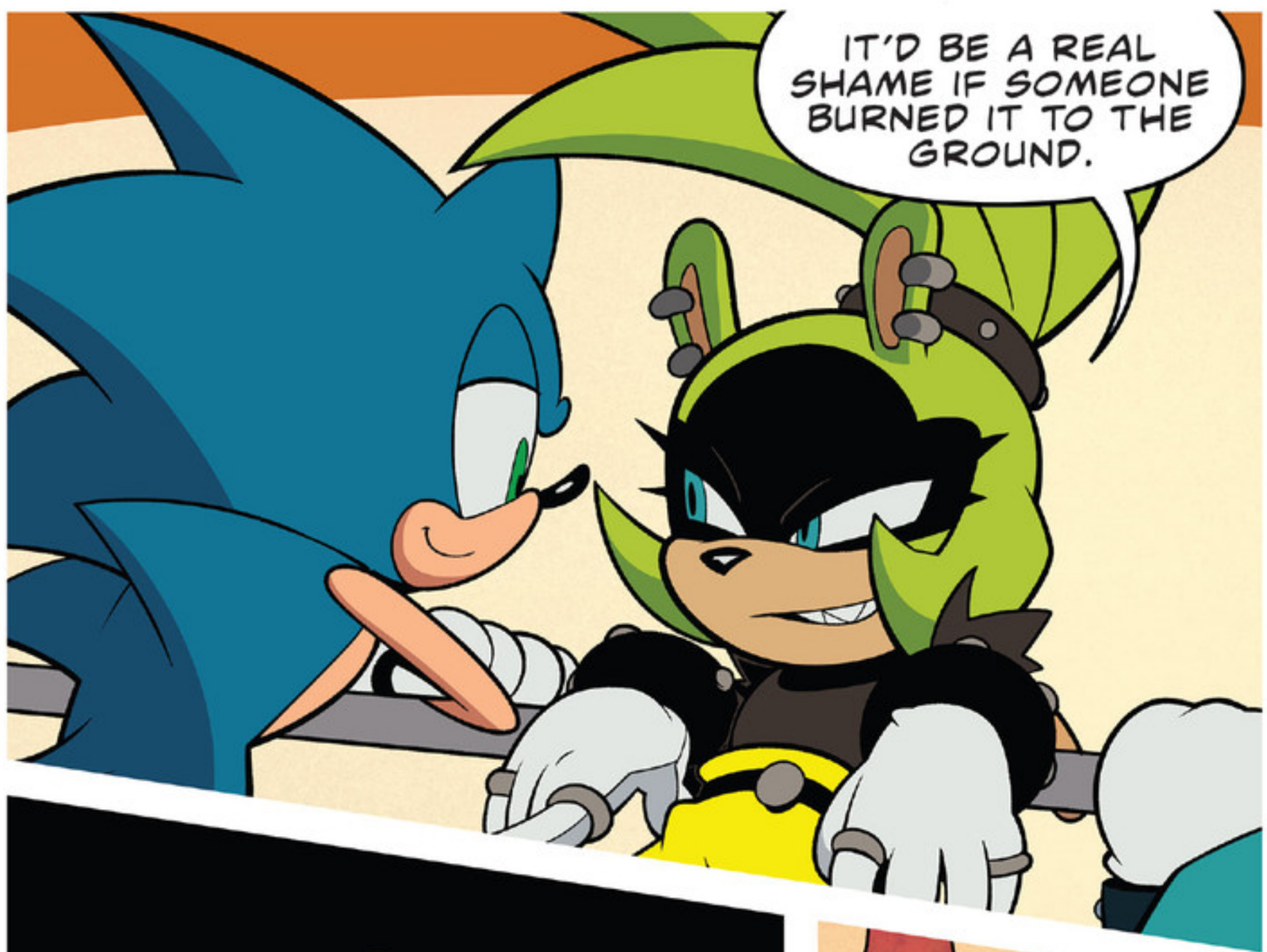

YOU'RE THE *FIRST* TO SHOW *ANY* SENSE AROUND HERE. I CAN TELL YOU WANT TO TAKE ME OUT HERE AND NOW.
I *LIKE* YOU.

MAYBE I *WILL* JOIN YOUR LITTLE CLUB. YOU CAN AIM THAT WISP-FLINGER AT THE BACK OF MY HEAD ALL DAY IF YOU WANT.
I DON'T BLAME YOU. I *ENCOURAGE* YOU.
FINE. I *WILL* BE WATCHING.

IF SURGE JOINS, I'M JOINING TOO!

YEAH, YEAH. WE'RE A PACKAGE DEAL.

LATER...
I GOTTA ADMIT...THIS IS A PRETTY IMPRESSIVE SETUP.


IT'D BE A REAL SHAME IF SOMEONE BURNED IT TO THE GROUND.

YEAH. A BIGGER SHAME IS WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE IDIOT WHO TRIES THAT.

YEAH, WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU GUYS ARE HERE ALL THE TIME.
NO, BUT THE DIAMOND CUTTERS ARE HERE.
AND SECURITY HAS BEEN TIGHTENED SINCE THE DEADLY SIX INVADED.* THEY'LL BE OKAY.
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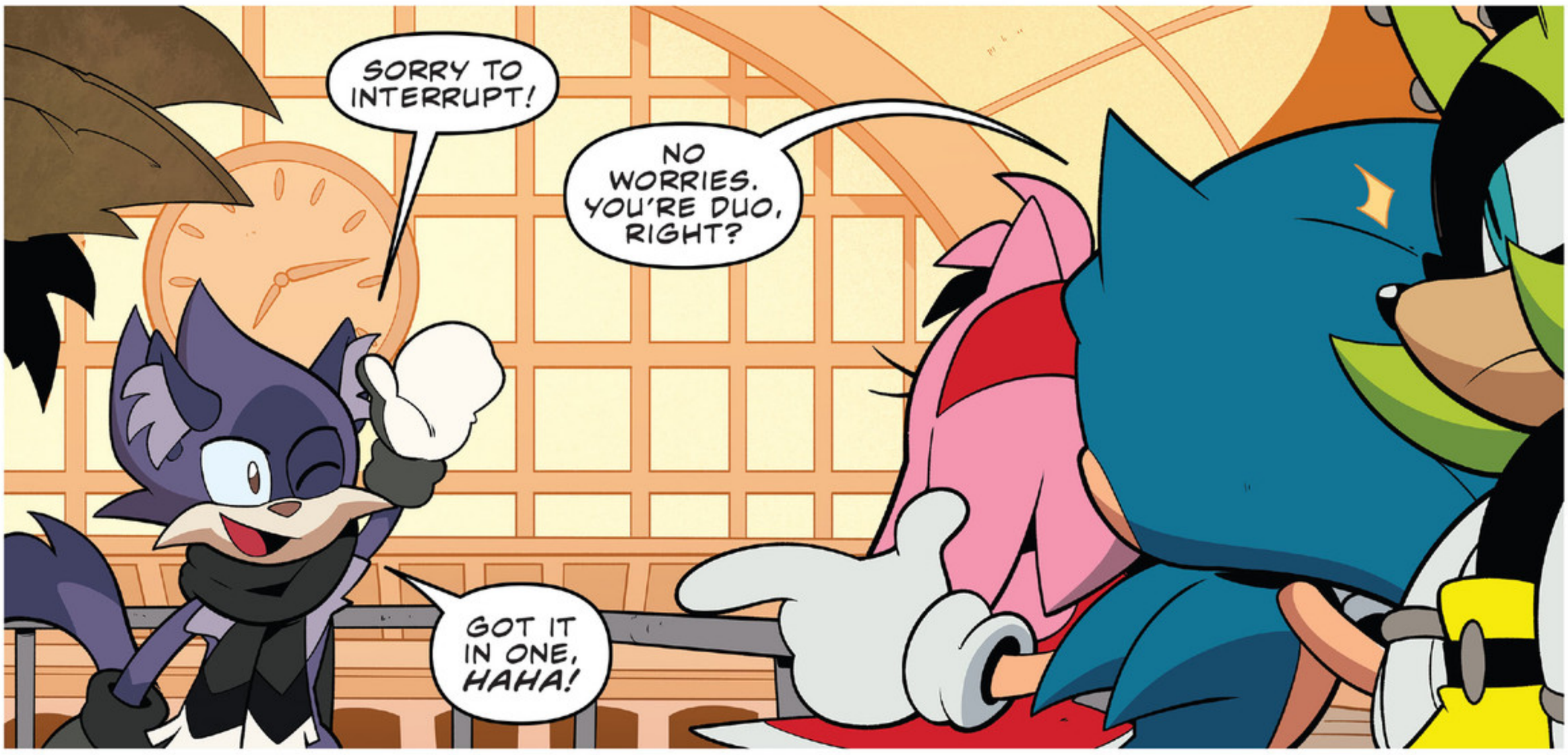
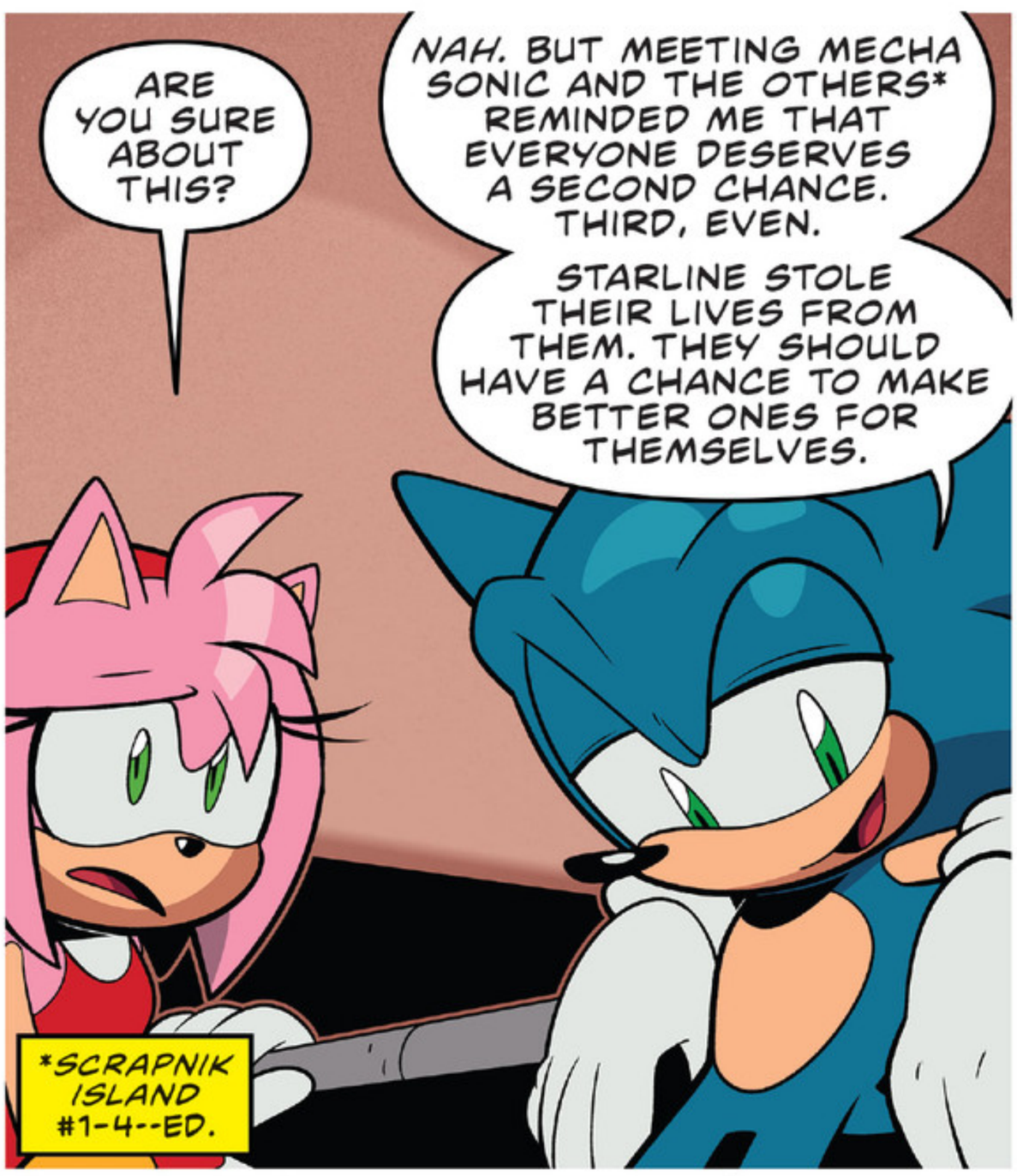

SORRY TO INTERRUPT!
NO WORRIES. YOU'RE DUO, RIGHT?
GOT IT IN ONE, HAHA!

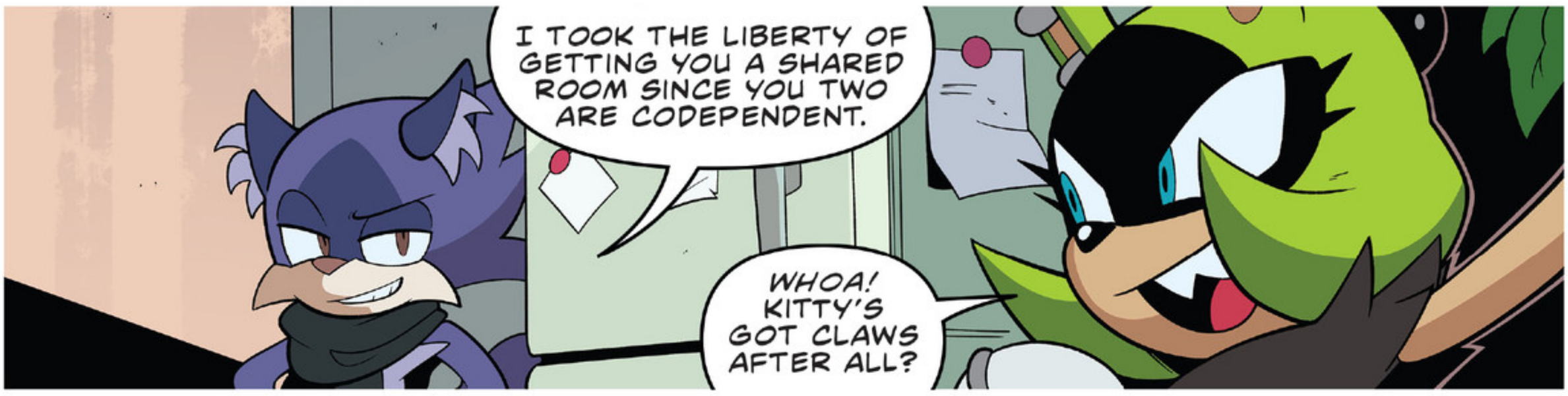
I JUST GOT SET UP HERE MYSELF, SO LANOLIN SENT ME TO HELP SURGE AND KIT SETTLE INTO A PLACE OF THEIR OWN.
WHY NOT? TOUR'S OVER ANYWAY.

SEE YOU AROUND.

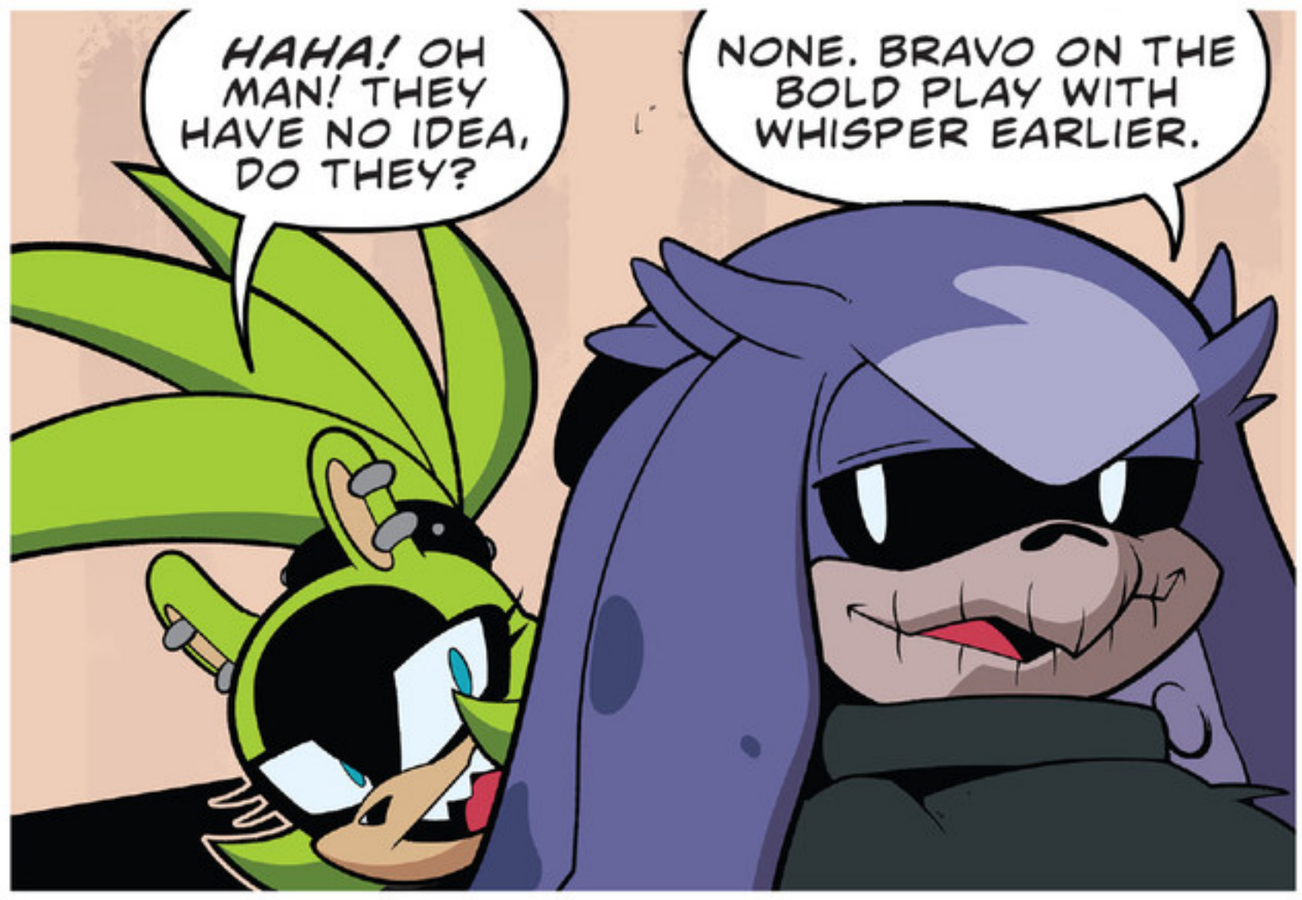

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
NAH. BUT MEETING MECHA SONIC AND THE OTHERS* REMINDED ME THAT EVERYONE DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE. THIRD, EVEN.
STARLINE STOLE THEIR LIVES FROM THEM. THEY SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE BETTER ONES FOR THEMSELVES.
*SCRAPNIK ISLAND #1-4--ED.

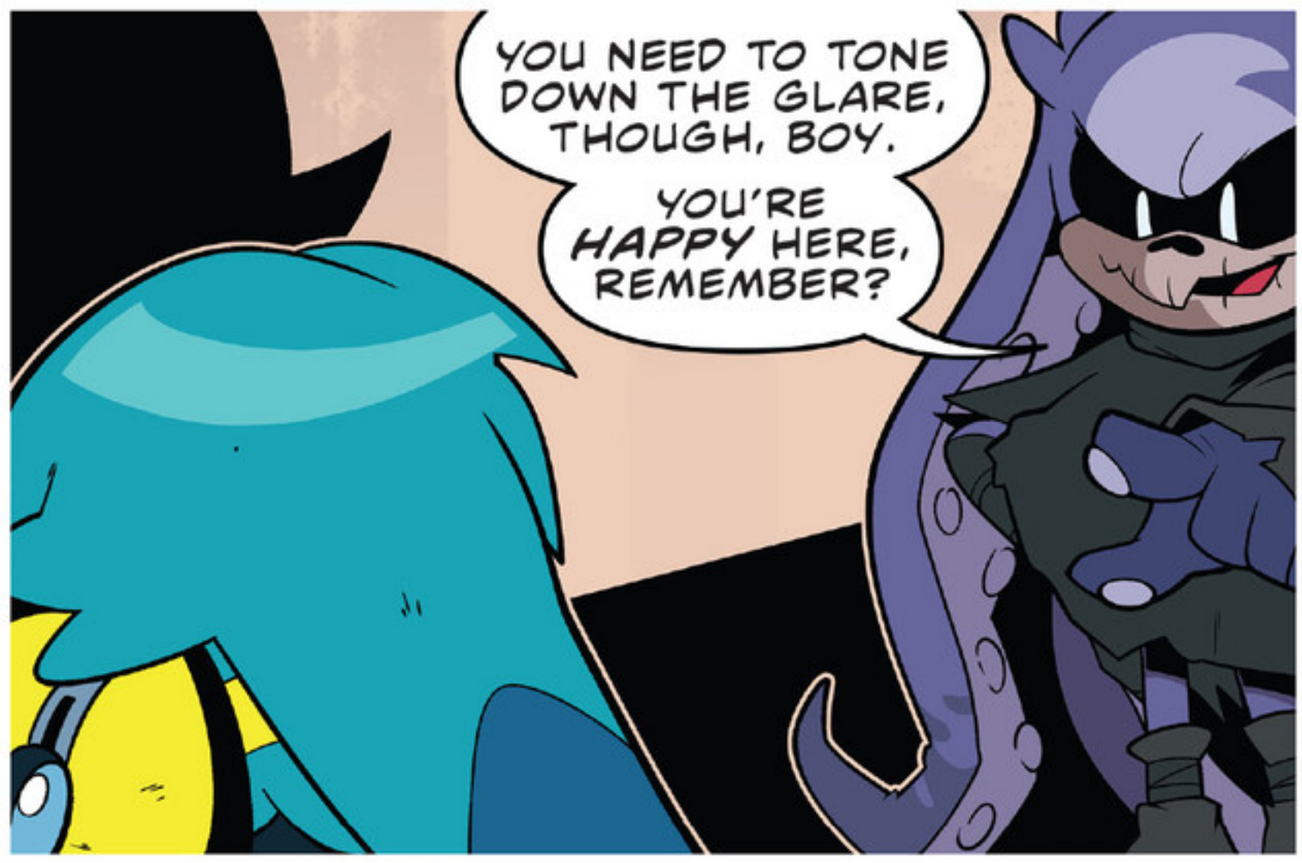
WHAT BRINGS YOU BACK INTO TOWN, ANYWAY?
I WANTED TO HANG OUT WITH JEWEL, BUT SHE'S BEEN SUPER BUSY. APPARENTLY SHE'S MAKING A DEAL WITH SOMETHING CALLED "CLEAN SWEEP INC." THAT MIGHT EASE THAT BURDEN, THOUGH.
COOL. SINCE YOU'RE FREE, WANNA GRAB DINNER?
SURE!

HERE'S YOUR ROOM!
EH... IT'LL DO. NO LEAKS OR DRAFTS, AT LEAST.


I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF GETTING YOU A SHARED ROOM SINCE YOU TWO ARE CODEPENDENT.
WHOA! KITTY'S GOT CLAWS AFTER ALL?

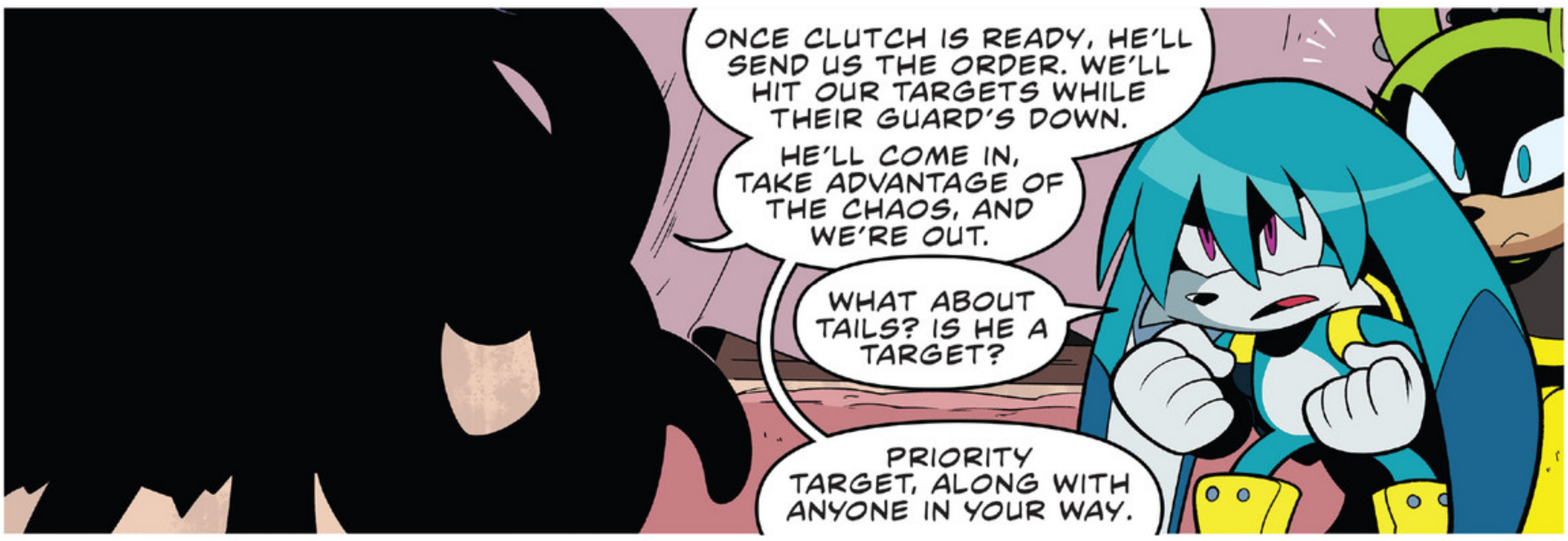
I'VE GOT FAR MORE THAN CLAWS.
MIMIC THE OCTOPUS, INFILTRATOR. CLUTCH TOLD ME TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU ONCE YOU WERE INSIDE.


HAHA! OH MAN! THEY HAVE NO IDEA, DO THEY?
NONE. BRAVO ON THE BOLD PLAY WITH WHISPER EARLIER.


YOU NEED TO TONE DOWN THE GLARE, THOUGH, BOY.
YOU'RE HAPPY HERE, REMEMBER?

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN NOW?

KEEP UP THE ACT FOR NOW. PLAY NICE WITH THE OTHERS, BUT NOT *TOO* NICE.
IF THEY'RE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU, THEY AREN'T LOOKING TOO HARD AT ME.

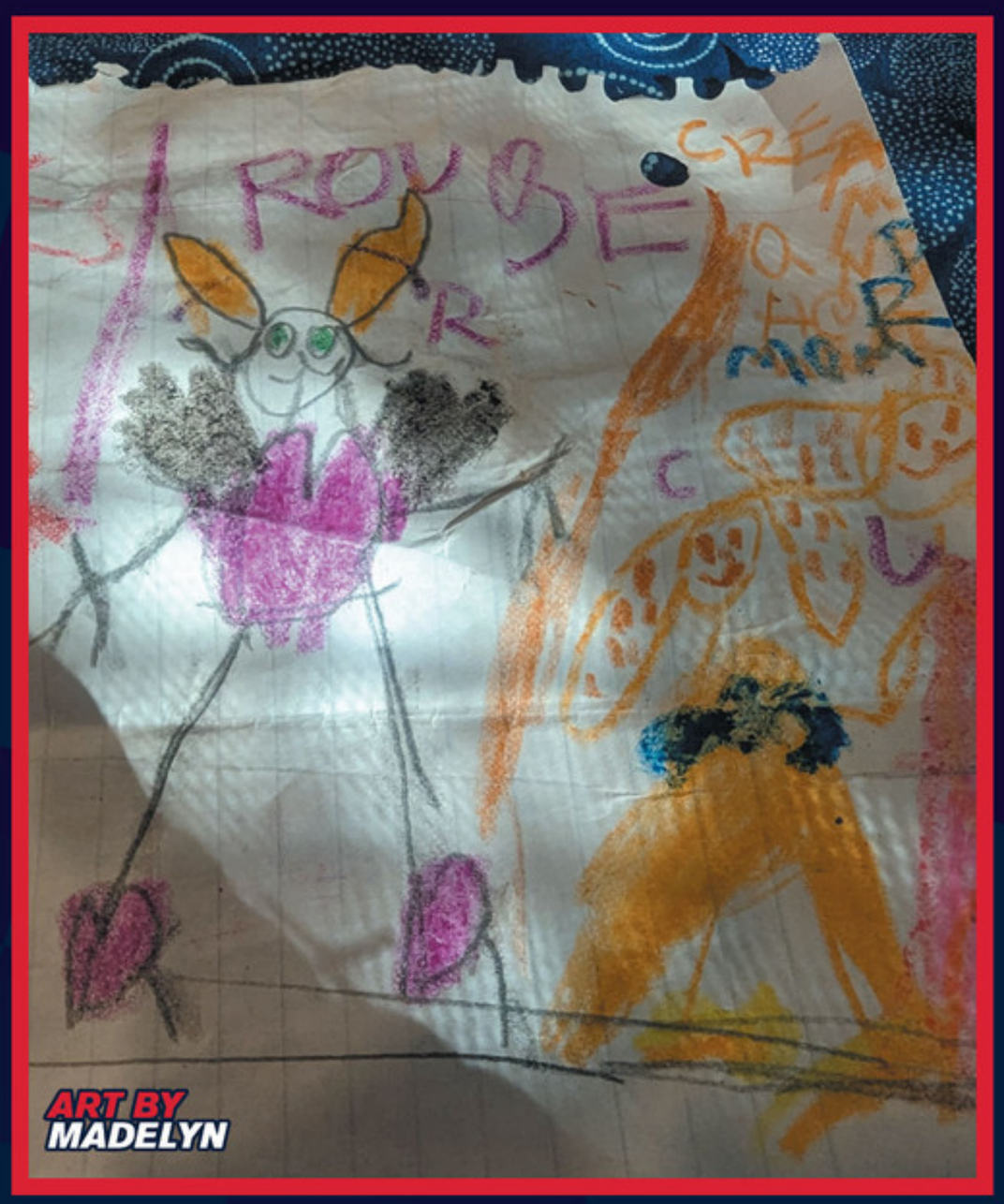

ONCE CLUTCH IS READY, HE'LL SEND US THE ORDER. WE'LL HIT OUR TARGETS WHILE THEIR GUARD'S DOWN.
HE'LL COME IN, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS, AND WE'RE OUT.
WHAT ABOUT TAILS? IS HE A TARGET?
PRIORITY TARGET, ALONG WITH ANYONE IN YOUR WAY.

I LIKE IT HERE NOW.
SEE? I KNEW THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA.

LOOKIN' FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU...*DUO.*
NEXT TIME: SONIC AND TAILS REUNITED!

NEXT MONTH

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD



Just like that, Sonic Squad, we're at the end of another issue! It warms the old heart to see Surge and Kit joining the good guys! And there's no way this could possibly go wrong! A big thank you to our team of Ian Flynn, Thomas Rothlisberger, Matt Froese, Leonardo Ito, and Shawn Lee! Time for a topical letter, your art, and an intro to cover artist Miles Arq!

This question is for the editor in charge of the Sonic *comics at IDW: Seeing as Whisper and Tangle became playable characters in* Sonic Dash, *do you think Surge and Kit might be added as enemies in a future game? Whatever your answer is, everyone appreciates these comics as much as I do. —Justin*

Well, this is exciting timing! I do, in fact, think that Surge might be a playable character in *Sonic Dash*—as was announced just before this very issue! And there's a special exclusive cover on idwpublishing.com with her in-game model (while supplies last)! If you're reading this at the time of release, November 2023, you can get her in the game now!

Thanks as always for joining us, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month we're back with Sonic and Tails as they test out a new extreme gear! Don't miss it!

CREATOR CORNER:
MILES ARQ

What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I draw cover art! So far on the ones I've worked on, I've been involved from start to finish, pencils to colours!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Amy! She's been doing so much in the comics, from managing the Restoration to just obliterating enemies with her hammer, and it's so wonderfully cool.

How do you take your chili dog?

I want it to be absolutely swimming in chili, and nice and spicy too!

How did you first discover Sonic?

My dad came back from the Sunday market with a used Megadrive and a copy of *Sonic and Knuckles,* then I was locked on for life.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

Cover B for #61, with Eggman running for his life!

What's a boring fact about yourself?

I can spin a bottle like how Sonic spins the Wiimote in one of the *Secret Rings* trailers. (It took a lot of practice.)

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

I'm so fickle, and my tastes change so very often, but right now I'm *really* enjoying a manga called *Kaiju No. 8. It's* a very inspiring read, and also Kaiju get punched, so it's fun all around!

What do you do when you're not working on Sonic?

I like watching Tokusatsu a lot, from *Kamen Rider* to *Ultraman.* You can often find me looking at clips on YouTube, crying over impactful moments. Other than that, I like tinkering with tech, like messing around with my computer and custom keyboards!

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

A tatami-style Sonic coaster I got from TGS one year. I still haven't taken it out of the packaging. It's too beautiful.

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Since it would be a dream for me to be able to travel freely, it's none other than Sonic who I'd love to chat with. The man's been running everywhere, so he must have countless stories. Also we'd go for chilli dogs, no doubt.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

A duck. No particular reason, I just like making quacking sounds.

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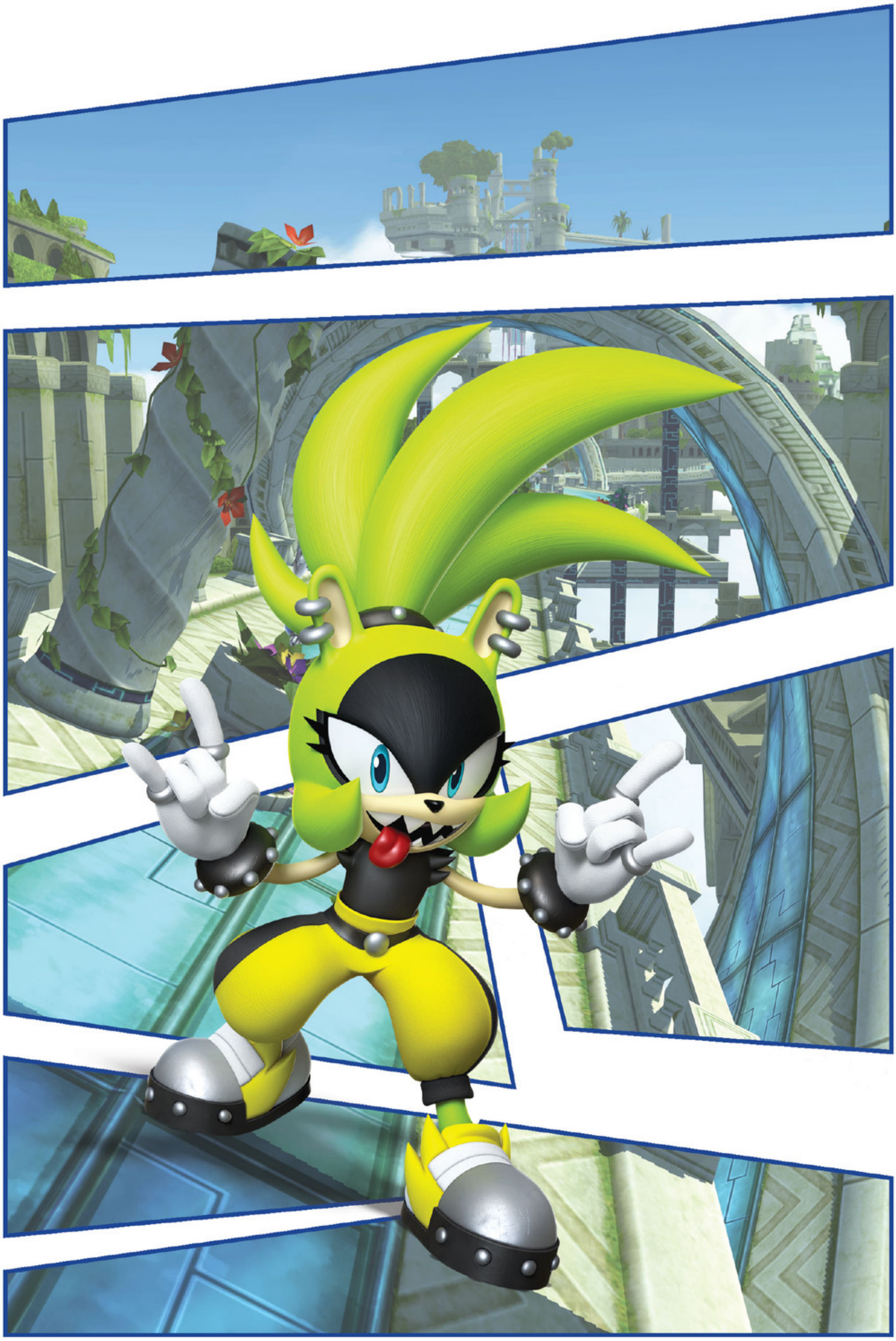

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